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CONTRACT RATIFIED!!

Despite Overwhelming Odds

LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

2000-2003 MOU Contract Proposal for Ratification
June 27, 2000

TERM: Three years beginning July 1, 2000

COLA:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1
	4%	4%	5%

POST:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1
	1% Intermediate	1% Intermediate	2% Advanced

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE:

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
July 1	July 1	July 1	July 1
	\$50	\$75	\$75

HEALTH INSURANCE:

	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2002
	\$50	Re-opener	\$25

OVERTIME: No forced use of CTO bank. Maintain CTO bank at 96 hours.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Add fully paid Chemical Dependency Treatment services for officers and dependents.

IOD: Restore old system of 100% salary (less pension contribution) for all work-related injuries.

FAMILY LEAVE: Change from five days per year to 12 days. Officers can use all 12 days of sick time for family leave per year.

INTEGRITY PACKAGE: Random Drug Testing: Negotiated guidelines per U.S. Supreme Court decision that restricts number of tests and criteria used. Financial Audits: No agreements (State law restrictions). Polygraphs: No agreement (State law restrictions).

HAZARD DUTY PAY: Haz-Mat Unit/Metro K-9 Unit: 5.5% for Haz-Mat members and for Police Officers and Sergeants assigned to Metro K-9 Unit.

PENSION ENHANCEMENT: Letter of Intent to negotiate changes to existing pension - Negotiations to begin within 30 days of July 1, 2000. Requires Charter change.

PENSION DROP: City to provide actuarial study on a cost neutral program: Letter of Intent to negotiate DROP Program to begin at 27 or 28 years of service and a sunset clause where DROP can be re-opened at the end of this contract. Requires Charter change.

COMPRESSED WORK SCHEDULE: Pending in City Council.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plan 2000: Contract Achieved!

Moving Ahead on CWS, 1.28 Reform and Pension Reform

by Ted Hunt



The contract that our Team obtained and you approved is exceptional. No other police union in the state has come close to it. But even though it is a great contract, and WE HAVE FULFILLED ANOTHER GOAL, there are some major mountains to climb in order to pull LAPD back from its depths.

- Compressed Work Schedule
- Disciplinary Reform
- Pension Reform
- POST Certificates

We have established a Task Force to work on each of those areas. First, let's see where we are at and how far we have come in less than a year. Then let's look at where we are going and

how we are going to get there.

- We ended the "War of Words" with the Chief of Police, elevated the expectation of Directors and changed the *Thin Blue Line* to be more useful to our readers
- We have protected the innocent in the Rafael Perez case, and prevented officers from being sacrificed in the media as they were during Rodney King Incident
- We settled the FLISA lawsuit which had been stalled for years and was draining your personal resources and the resources of the League. Everyone got something out of it
- We settled our contract which is one of the two best in League history

These are huge goals to have accomplished, especially in a time when LAPD is "under the gun."

Some prognosticators said that we didn't stand a chance getting what we obtained due to the Rafael Perez disaster, the U.S. Department of Justice's intervention, huge payout for FLISA and the residual image of LAPD from Rodney King.

We succeeded against all odds. And we understand there is so much more to do. We are going after those items (Flexible Scheduling, Disciplinary Reform, Pension Reform) in manageable and winnable increments. Here's how we are doing it. We have formed a Task Force to address each of the areas.

Task Force on Flexible Schedule

We have formed a Task Force of the people most knowledgeable in Flexible Scheduling. The members of the Task Force have a burning desire to be successful in obtaining this important working condition.

Flexible Scheduling is good for the taxpayers. The public doesn't care what schedule officers work. What the taxpayers care about is whether or not the police respond when called, whether or not the police treat them fairly and with dignity and respect, and whether or not the police solve their problem.

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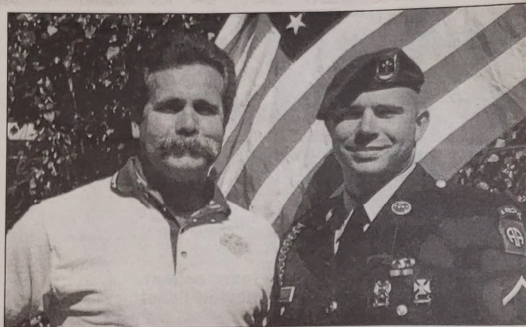
MDT Police

The M.D.T. (Mobil Digital Terminal) police have been introduced to the Los Angeles Police Department as the latest form of politically correct community policing. The Department's highly paid six figure and often misguided FAS-TRAC managers have changed the culture of our organization from one known for aggressively pursuing criminals to one politically correct in laying back while black-and-white police cars are burned, gangs run wild in the streets, businesses are vandalized and portions of Los Angeles communities were terrorized by thugs. What are the M.D.T. Police? They are those dedicated officers so concerned about the Department not backing them in a situation that they become the best radio responders in the world. Mobil Digital Terminators. Why would anyone risk their law enforcement career for a Department that is more concerned about firing good officers than catching crooks and putting criminals in jail? You might ask yourself if I am kidding about this. The answer is no. The situation is at the critical stage and getting worse. I have visited roll calls throughout the City and am finding the same attitude everywhere. Officers are more concerned about getting burned and labeled as a rogue officer than being aggressive at confronting suspects. If you stop a gang banger, you are harassing the poor deprived youth. If

you stop a minority person, you are racially profiling the individual. If you stop a little old lady, you are picking on the gray squad members of our community. If you stop a Latino, you are discriminating and working with immigration in violation of Special Order No. 40. (Special Order No. 40 bans us from working in cooperation with I.N.S. except in certain cases.)

What are you to do? Answer those radio calls and look pretty at inspection. I recently met with Metro SWAT officers and we discussed this troubling situation. I was shocked to learn that Metro personnel including SWAT members have all been given the word to look pretty and not rock the ship. They have been told to just play a low profile and don't cause waves with the community. They are wisely following the direction for career survival.

When will this all change? After the next City elections in April 2001 when we get new City leaders who want to protect the people and property of Los Angeles and back the officers for doing their job. Leaders who will push to boost the Department's morale and provide the equipment to support the officers in doing their dangerous job. Equipment like in-car videos and tape recorders. The tools necessary to re-establish our credibility in the courts and in the community. Those tools to help the officers defend themselves



Pvt. Michael Dudley (rt), 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, NC, graduated from Airborne on May 19, 2000, at Ft. Benning, GA; with his proud dad, Officer Phil Dudley, Foreign Prosecution/Interpol Liaison Unit, DSD.

against bogus 1.28 personnel complaints. I will continue fighting for you and your rights and protections.

Lakers Victory

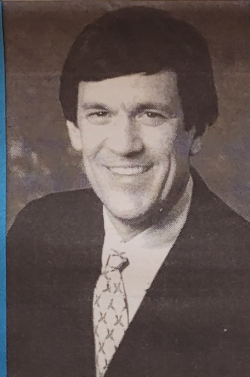
The Lakers won the National Basketball Association World Championship on June 19, 2000. While watching the game, I phoned the Department Command Post during the 3rd quarter to make sure the Department was prepared to handle any crowd control problems that might occur following the final game of the championship. I was advised that personnel were in place and ready to respond if needed. The personnel included Metro, Mounted, Motors and Patrol units. The Central Division mid-day watch was held over and ready to respond. I continued to follow the game and watch the exciting end and Lakers victory. As the game ended, the T.V. cameras moved outside for breaking news. Thousands of fans gathered outside Staples Arena and were attacking a

news van and S.U.V. That scene was now broadcast on all Los Angeles T.V. stations. The crowd turned into a mob and began attacking a parked LAPD black and white. Several vehicles were set on fire and the mob continued to inflict violence on the community surrounding the Arena. The swarm of television choppers gave a frightening view of the spreading violence. I immediately flashed back to the scene at Florence and Normandie where Reginald Denny was beaten at the start of the 1992 Los Angeles Riot. There was a sharp similarity between the two situations. That being the lack of police officers to protect and serve the community that spends over one billion dollars to operate the LAPD. We know that the managers of the Department did not dispatch troops to protect Mr. Denny and again it was the LAPD managers who did not act to protect life and property. Were they ill

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Approving The Contract, The Right Thing to Do!

I would like to thank all of the Department members who voted to ratify this contract. I know there are still many unhappy officers who want, and deserve, a compressed work schedule (CWS). But common sense prevailed and many of you were able to separate the CWS issue from the fiscal/medical benefits this contract offered. This contract, with the POST incentives and increased medical benefits could equal as much as 18 percent over the next three years.

Special thanks to Harbor, 77th Street and Southeast Areas, along with DARE and South Traffic Divisions who showed great restraint and respect towards me during my presentations at your roll calls on the contract. I know this was the most divisive our members have been regarding a contract in my 25 years on the Department, but we hung

together and now you will be among the highest paid law enforcement officers in the state.

Independent Review Panel

Within the next two weeks, you will be receiving a survey from Price Waterhouse Coopers, as part of the Rampart Independent Review Panel working group on Ethics, Culture and Communications. The survey was reviewed by our general counsel and was approved for distribution to our members. The survey will be entirely anonymous and independent from the Department and the Police Commission.

The League believes this is an extremely important opportunity for you, our members, to have a voice in the future direction of the Department. Therefore, we need your participation and for you to fill out and return the form in a timely fashion. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Prince at (213) 236-3290.

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Medical Insurance

As was given out at the contract ratification meetings, there are some changes to our Blue Cross Prudent Buyer medical plan. At the beginning of negotiations, as your Insurance Chairman, I was informed by the Police Relief Association who administers your medical plans that Blue Cross Prudent Buyer premiums were increasing approximately 24%. This was a major hurdle during negotiations. However, together, Police Relief and the League were able to negotiate with Blue Cross and the City to make some minor changes to the plan and increase

subsidies from the City, so that the members' contributions did not increase, but rather decreased monthly. The subsidy for California Care and Kaiser will pay for both plans. Blue Cross Prudent Buyer which serves approximately 70% of the membership decreases as follows:

Single party member contribution—
\$19.08 to \$10.00 per month

Two-party member contribution—
\$42.16 to \$25.00 per month

Family member contribution—
\$87.03 to \$60.00 per month

Additionally, the member's deductible is waived except for major medical incidents (surgery, etc.) Now, when a member goes to the doctor they have only a \$5 co-pay. Everything else is paid. Prescription drugs went from \$5/\$10 co-pay per prescription to \$10/\$15 co-pay per prescription. Everything else in the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer medical plan remains (Healthview, physical exam, etc.). As I stated, this was a major team effort from the League and Police Relief whom I personally want to give credit to for stepping up to the plate and putting in approximately \$4.3 million dollars into the plan so the members' contributions could be reduced while keeping the majority of the benefits intact.

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Congratulations to the winners of the Police Memorial Foundation's 2000

College Scholarship Awards. This is one of the many ways the Police Memorial Foundation benefits our members.

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In Memoriam

My deep condolences go out to the Roberts family, associates and friends. Michael T. Roberts was an attorney for the law firm of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin. Mr. Roberts handled a lot of our members' disability pension claims. Mike passed away suddenly. On behalf of the active and retired police officers that Mike has helped, I offer our heartfelt condolences.

Michael T. Roberts,
1942—2000



Pictured left to right (back row) Board Members: Will Doheny, Joe Connelly, Deputy Chief J.L. Davis, Chief Parks, John McMahon, President and founder; (front row) Recipients: Devon Deroousseau, Sommer Kaskowitz, Arlie Kearney, Sandra Kempner and Carolyn Sharpe.

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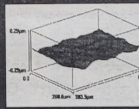
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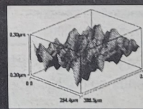
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Contract Ratification

On July 7, 2000, all of the ballots from the new contract ratification were counted and verified. There were 3481 members who voted, which is 37% of our membership. The contract was approved by 76% of those who cast their ballots. I would like to thank those who took the time to express and exercise their right to vote.

This contract provides a good economic package, but I also realize it did not meet everyone's expectations. The negotiating team prepared and sent out a survey to our membership 18 months ago to prioritize those issues which were important. The top four issues identified by the membership were: 1) salary; 2) pensions; 3) health/medical subsidy; and 4) Compressed Work Schedule (CWS).

The negotiating team, comprised of Lt. Randy Quan, Det. III Jack Cota, Sgt. II Kevin McClure, Sgt. Gary Fredo, Det. Tom Anderson, P.O. III+I Corina Draper, and P.O. II Barbara Carranza, armed with that information, conducted their research and prepared the presentation for the formal contract negotiations. The negotiating team's completed work product covered all areas for each topic presented to the City.

On April 4, 2000, the negotiating team started negotiating with the Department and the City. Over the course of contract negotiations, the team had to overcome several issues

(Rampart scandal, Kimpel lawsuit, large increases in medical insurance and the ratification of the L.A.S.O. contract to mention a few).

The one item we were unable to deliver was the CWS. It was not from the lack of trying, but it became clear the Chief is unwilling to yield on this topic. The CWS team thought they addressed all of the Department's concerns as well as those of the City. It appears the membership has the support of City Council. This is an issue that will not go away and will be aggressively pursued by the League.

The City has agreed, through a Letter of Intent, to sit down and discuss pension reform. The negotiating team has already completed an actuarial study to identify the cost of pension increases. We are optimistic that we can effect a change in the current system. However, there is no way to predict what the results of negotiations will produce. The League expects to start discussions by the end of August. The membership will be kept informed as progress is made.

Though the contract has been ratified by the membership, there is still a lot of work to be completed. All of our written MOU articles must be signed, salary tables need to be completed, plus other administrative issues must be addressed. Once those tasks are calculated and checked, the City Council will create an ordinance that will enact our benefits.

Once the ordinance is published in a local Los Angeles newspaper, the MOU provisions will be enacted by the City.

All of our benefits—salary, medical, etc.—will be retroactive to July 1, 2000. Your pay raise will not appear on your check until September 2000. The City will either include the increase on your normal paycheck, or can opt to issue a separate check for retroactive money.

The Board of Directors and the negotiating team would like to thank the City

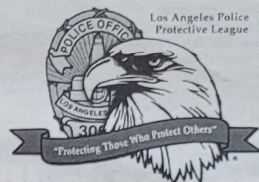
Administrative Office for their fairness at the table, especially City Chief Negotiator Gordon Lawler and Bill Fujioka, Director of the Office of Administrative and Research Services. We would also like to thank Commander Doan and his staff.

The Board of Directors appreciates the membership's patience and support during these lengthy and difficult contract negotiations.

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THE POSITIVE & THE NEGATIVE

DON LINT

It has been brought to my attention that my *Blue Line* articles have been a little on the negative side lately. I can't argue with that and I won't. I have found very little positive to write about, but I will make a sincere effort to make my articles more positive. Do understand that my position in defense of wrongly accused or abused officers will not change and I will speak in their defense whenever possible, and that includes this column. For those who would rather not read the negative side of my articles, I will start with the **POSITIVE**, and close with the **NEGATIVE**, to give you the opportunity to stop reading at that point. Keep in mind that those of us on the Department know what takes place on a daily basis and many of the things that I write about are not necessarily for you. This paper goes to approximately 18,000 people, many of those are people who do not know or understand what is taking place on our Department. We need to keep those people informed.

POSITIVE: Pay Raise

We should have an increase in our paychecks very soon. With this increase in pay we should all think about putting that money to work for us. In the near future I will be planning a financial seminar. We should all be financially secure in our retirement years but it does take some sort of plan.

In the same vein we can all be financially secure before we retire, but that will definitely take some planning and discipline.

We all like the finer things life has to offer but we should consider how much those finer things really cost. There was a great commercial about this exact topic. It starts out showing a \$5000 Rolex watch, then it shows how much that \$5000 would be worth if it was invested properly. The example that they give is in 10 years that would be worth \$36,527. Not bad, who doesn't need that kind of cash? We could easily substitute that Rolex for a jet ski or any number of things that we as police officers like to own. Think about renting that jet ski or motor home for the weekend as opposed to buying it for life. There is a very interesting book that you might be interested in and I would encourage all of you to read. It is called "The Millionaire Next Door." It is loaded with great ideas for saving money and putting your money to work for you. Remember it is better to have your money working for you during your working years so you can provide for yourself and your family in your retirement years.

If you would like to attend a seminar concerning these issues or have ideas that would be helpful please send me an e-mail at donlint@lappi.org or call me at (213) 251-4590.

POSITIVE: Mayoral Debate

The League just hosted a mayoral debate in the Valley. All five candidates were present and it was very informative. Congratulations to Ted Hunt who undertook the project of putting the debate together and it was a very nice event that showed the League and its members in the best possible light. The theme of the debate was about the current issues facing the Police Department. All of the candidates acknowledged the fact that we need a Compressed Work Schedule and Pension Reform. All **EXCEPT** Jim Hahn believe that we need Binding Arbitration since we cannot strike. Steve Soboroff was the only candidate to say that he would fight the feds on a consent decree. When all was said and done it sounded like our long time friend Joel Wachs, and Steve Soboroff really understood the issues that concern us and were very willing to make necessary changes.

NEGATIVE: I'll Make The Rules Up As We Go Along

The other day I received a phone call asking me to go to the Bradbury Building, also known as the "Furnace." Well, on this particular day the furnace was burning on high. When I arrived I saw reporters standing in the hallway with baffled looks on their faces. Upon entering the Boardroom I was told the most bizarre tale yet told about a Board of Rights. A young officer by the name of Omar Veloz was having his Board of Rights after being falsely accused by the convicted liar Raphael Perez. During a break before Perez was to testify, Capt. Currier told the Department Advocate that he hoped she had some evidence to corroborate Perez's testimony because he doesn't believe him.

The Advocate then asked Capt Currier to recuse himself from the Board. He refused. And he was told that she would have the Chief remove him. At this point one of our best and most courageous civilians on Boards, Donna Wade, stood and said, "if he goes, so do I because I don't believe him either." The Advocate went through the same routine with her about having her removed. At that point Capt. Tatreau jumped in and said that the Board would continue. The Head Advocate Lt. Lizzaraga entered the mix. The Advocate then refused to go forward with the Board of Rights.

The first thing that should be known about this case is that there is no evidence other than the word of that infamous liar Raphael Perez. Capt. Currier had been a member of a prior Board during which Perez had perjured himself, so why should he believe Perez in this case? It sounds to me like he was clueing the Advocate in as to what she needed to do to make her case. At any rate the Department's case was going down the tubes. But I want to know, since when can a sergeant or lieutenant refuse to do what they are told by a captain? It sounds like insubordination and we all know what the penalty is for that. And I don't think it was the Advocate, I think it was her boss, the lieutenant, who put her in that position. So where is all this today? Officer Veloz is still sitting at home without pay and there is no evidence that he has done anything wrong. I'm sure that Capt. Currier has had his last promotion and is about to be transferred to a very pleasant assignment, and all that for being honest. I believe that Capt Tatreau has made the "Not Promotable" list for his part in this, and for sure Donna Wade will be "Black Listed" from sitting on Boards of Rights.

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THE CONTRACT: ONE COP'S PERSPECTIVE

RICK WELLS

We have just completed the ratification process for our new three-year contract. I am dedicating this article to the well-deserved recognition of the efforts of our Negotiating Team for a tremendous accomplishment. Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote at Ratification meetings. Your input was important to all of us. Yes, even the criticism...

A sincere "Thanks" to the Delegate members who served on the negotiating team over the last eighteen months. Their days were often long, tedious, stressful, and frustrating. Their contributions to the success of the MOU negotiations were invaluable to the Board and the membership. Without the continuous help and support of following named Delegates, the MOU negotiation could not have come close to the success level accomplished. I hope that each of you will take a moment to thank each of them as you pass in the halls. In alphabetical order, they are Tom Anderson, Barbara Carranza, Jack Cota, Corina Draper, Gary Fredo, Kevin McClure, and Randy Quan.

A few personal congratulations for a job well done are in order... First is Randy Quan. To steal Bob Baker's line, "If there was ever an 'All Star' team, Randy Quan and Jack Cota would be my first choices." I agree totally. Randy came through in the clutch so many times, we came to expect the extraordinary to be ordinary. Randy's dedication; second to none and we are all grateful for his unwavering support and dedication (as well as his ability to function without sleep for days on end...).

Next is Jack Cota. Jack has worked on many contracts over the years, **he is an institutional knowledge!** It's amazing how many times history repeats itself. Jack is truly a wealth of information and an indefatigable team player. Jack is work on the POST issues have added 1-3% to each of your paychecks next year!

Barbara Carranza is without a doubt one of our most selflessly devoted Delegates. No matter how difficult the assignment or how little sleep she had, Barbara was there every day willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

While each Director had a role in the negotiations this time, as we used a team/ask force approach, a special acknowledgement is warranted to the following Directors for extraordinary efforts. First, to one of our newest Directors, Don Lint, for determination and drive regarding disciplinary issues. He is relentless in his defense of officers. Don is a warrior in the truest sense of the word. It's good to

know that people of Don's personal character and integrity are still attracted to this job. Don also dealt with numerous Defense Representatives issues and City Hall issues with Mitzi Grasso and Dennis P. Zine. He proved to be a man of many talents.

Next, Tim Sands for obtaining substantial improvements in the medical insurance programs under extremely trying conditions. His efforts saved each of us thousands of personal "take home" dollars during this contract. Thanks too to his counterpart at Police Relief, Captain Charlie Beck, who really made things happen at his end.

Mitzi Grasso and her team, Randy Quan, Tom Anderson, Gary Fredo and Corina Draper for their candor, support and incredible knowledge base regarding Compressed Work Schedule issues. Their work product was second to none—that it was rejected by the City and Department was an entirely political issue that had absolutely nothing to do with the truth contained within the presentations or work product. The reports and presentations regarding Compressed Work Schedules addressed each and every issue of concern that the Department had expressed in its after action report concerning the Compressed Work Schedule pilot program. The Powerpoint presentation developed by Mitzi and Randy was flawless. Despite the fact that they showed a savings in the millions of dollars, improved efficiency and morale, the answer was simply, "NO"—or was it "NOT NOW?" Time will tell...

Rest assured the fight over a Compressed Work Schedule isn't over—This was just Round 2. It's a rare fight where one opponent wins every round.

If you're thinking of leaving the Los Angeles Police Department over a Compressed Work Schedule, I suggest you stick around until the end of the fight - Round 3 is about to begin...

A true debt of gratitude is owed to our other newest Director Bob Baker. Bob was to be the Director in charge of financial issues. His insight into money issues was supported by his work on previous contracts and years in asset forfeiture investigations. What evolved as time went on was a need to have a Director that could oversee the "big picture." Bob stepped up to the plate and in my opinion, hit a Grand-Slam. He knew every detail about all of our assignments and like Mitzi, Don and Hank, cut as many deals off the table as he did at the table. The rapport of Bob, Mitzi, Don, and Hank with the City and Department

negotiators, and City Council Members went far in getting us all through some very intense times successfully. It was a difficult task that was accomplished well without fanfare.

Congratulations to President Ted Hunt for not only assembling the best Negotiating Team I've ever seen the League put together, but for having the courage and faith to let them go do their job without constant "managing." Knowing when and how far to trust your team members is critical to effective leadership. All of us appreciate Ted's faith in our abilities.

And last and perhaps best of all, my most sincere thank you to the "Coach," our General Counsel Hank Hernandez.

Imagine if you will, having nine strong-willed, independent thinking, and worse, elected bosses to deal with daily. That challenge alone would drop most people in their tracks - now add the responsibility for corralling and oh-so-gently directing them, as you are orchestrating negotiations tactics, considering legal issues and ensuring that everyone's projects and work products are done on time and correctly. You now know what it's like to wear Hank's shoes for a day! Something akin to herding cats I think.

For the second contract in a row I've had the great pleasure of watching Hank do what he is so good at, guiding, counseling, leading and most of all being the glue that holds it all together when the pressure is really on. We only pay for his legal expertise and I'm glad that's all we pay for - we couldn't afford to pay for the true value of his loyalty, dedication, and unwavering allegiance to our membership. Those are his gifts to all of us.

We will always be indebted to him for his leadership and coaching skills.

We were fortunate to be dealing with City Administrator Bill Fujioka, a true asset to the city, and his Chief Negotiator (and genuinely decent

human) Gordon Lawler. Thanks to you both for your fairness, decency and integrity!

Of course, the picture wouldn't be complete if I didn't include the Department's Negotiators Commander David Doan, Lieutenant Rita Knecht, and Officer Cheryl Cronin. Chief Parks was well represented by them. In some instances we all were. For those times when they helped us, thanks! For the other times...#5@*!?

Chemical Dependency Program

My article was supposed to be about the newly negotiated Chemical Dependency program. As we haven't yet finalized the mechanical details of the actual intake processes with Managed Health Network. Please trust me on this, if you or a covered family member or significant other (as defined in the MOU) are in need of alcohol or drug-related counseling or therapy. This is available and it is totally CONFIDENTIAL (no exception-PERIOD). The program is available for absolutely no cost to you TODAY. You may call MHN directly at (800) 227-1060. You may also call Bud Nowell or Keith Moreland at (213) 485-0703. You may call me at (213) 251-4592 or pager (213) 353-5100 for more details. Your confidentiality is guaranteed and assistance to you will be immediate.

I will give you all the "final details" next month. The program will be included in the MOU book you'll be receiving soon. Don't hesitate to call if you need help for you, a loved one or a coworker. It's a free call and a free service up to and including in-patient therapy at outstanding facilities such as Betty Ford or Michael's House Treatment Centers when necessary.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Mission: Possible (Turning The Department Around)

Well, now that the economic articles of the 2000-2003 MOU have been negotiated and ratified, we need to focus together on our next mission. As you probably know, the League is, by law, the recognized collective bargaining organization for all LAPD officers of the rank of Lieutenant and below. That is, we at the League are tasked with negotiating improvements in wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for members of our bargaining unit. So our next mission, one that is very possible if we stand together, is to definitely improve the working hours and working conditions for all LAPD officers. Flexible work hours and modification and improvement of the disciplinary system are our primary goals.

As of this writing, over 900 LAPD officers have resigned from the Department since January. Their exit interviews with Personnel Division verify that the reasons for their resignations are the lack of a compressed work schedule and the absurd and draconian disciplinary system. This situation cannot be tolerated any longer if the City of Los Angeles is to continue to be a safe place to live, work, or raise a family. The message to the public has to be made very loud and clear: crime

and gang homicides are on the rise while the cops out in the streets are very unhappy with their working conditions.

City Council members need to receive immediate notifications from the field when watch commanders in divisions patrolling their districts have to deploy police units below their minimum deployment requirements. This is not only an officer safety issue, but more importantly, a public safety issue as well. City Council constituents deserve better services from their Police Department.

So what do we do? For starts, we need to urge members of the public to start demanding accountability for this sad state of affairs. In any other jurisdiction, who do you think is held accountable when crime is out of control? Who do you think is held accountable if officers productivity is caused by a dictatorial, heavy-handed management system? Why should things be different in the City of Los Angeles?

We also need to start using the "Rafael Perez Scandal" as an example of who needs to be held accountable right now before this situation in the LAPD worsens. So called "scandals" can indeed be prevented. They occur by an evolution of predictable and preventable circumstances, "red flags" as we call them. Virtually every single act of

corruption performed by Rafael Perez had warning signs that commanding officers at Rampart Area either ignored or failed to recognize as important. Our own LAPD history confirms that most scandals in the past have started with one employee doing relatively minor unethical acts and grow to whatever level LAPD management has allowed.

We also now know that LAPD management played a much more direct and powerful role in the corrupt acts of Rafael Perez. Their wholesale and unfounded allegations of corruption made against many officers formerly assigned to Rampart CRASH are nothing more than a self-serving, superficial facade, intended to draw attention away from their own failures. Many LAPD managers become defensive at the mere inference that their peers need to be held accountable for Rafael Perez. This widespread indifference and lack of acceptance of managerial responsibility will only continue to serve as the breeding ground for unhappiness and low morale of LAPD officers. The vast majority of officers feel far more stress from management's rampant backstabbing, internal politics, hidden agendas and blatant unfairness, than they do from simply doing their job out in the streets.

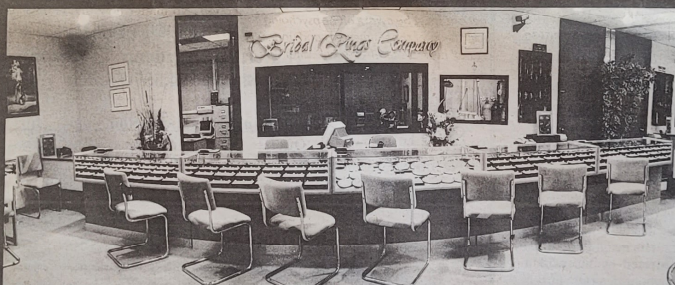
Let's start effectively communicating the message that the continual lack of management's accountability will certainly be permanently destructive to the LAPD. City officials and the public need to understand and agree that there is little or inconsistent accountability for many LAPD managers, as they should be blamed for the sad state of affairs in the LAPD. The upper administrators are the correct ones to hold most accountable, as they are the most responsible and the biggest offenders for the deplorable state of the once great LAPD.

Chief Proposes "Take Aways" of Officers' Rights

When we thought that we were through dealing with Charter reforms as a result of proposals submitted by two separate Charter Reform Commissions, and just days before a new Charter went into effect after receiving approval from City voters, the Chief of Police has once again formally proposed changes to the disciplinary procedures contained in new Charter Section 1070. These proposals have been made under the pretext that the federal Department of Justice officials are demanding them as a result of the "Rafael Perez Scandal." What nonsense!

After analyzing the Chief's proposed changes, we are convinced that they amount to nothing more than "take aways" of officers' disciplinary rights. Although we at the League are obligated by law to negotiate in good faith over these proposals, there's certainly no requirement for us to agree to this transparent effort for further control of the draconian disciplinary system presently operating in the LAPD. We have also identified this latest underhanded tactic as an attempt to financially bankrupt the League. This we will fight to the end. We will also be submitting counterproposals which will be designed to ensure fair and objective adjudications of personnel complaints. We will keep you and your Delegates informed of significant developments in this latest labor skirmish as they occur.

Thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement. Please feel free to communicate your thoughts directly to me by email at generalcounsel@lappl.org. Take care out there.



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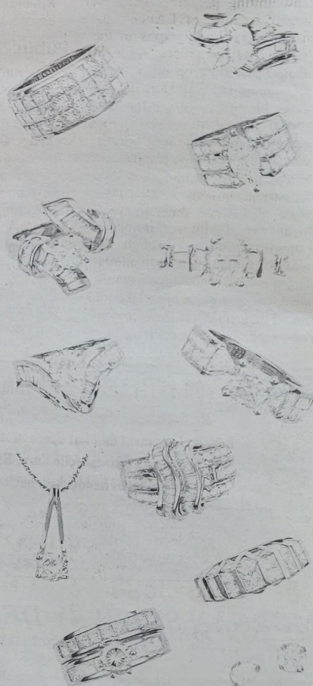
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Rumors of Back Door Tactics

"Gee, officer, it's your word against the complainants. The only way we can turn this from a 'not resolved' to an 'unfounded' would be for you to volunteer to take a polygraph. We know you are innocent, but I can't justify an unfounded on a one on one complaint like this without something more from you." The captain says.

You know you are innocent. You are sure you can pass a polygraph, although you have heard that false positives and inconclusives are always possible. Should you go along with this suggestion?

The wish for a truth machine will never die among human beings. It ranks right up there with the search for the Fountain of Youth. Think how easy things could be if you simply had to attach some wires to someone to reliably determine if they are telling the truth. Politics, crime detection, lawsuits, treaties between countries, and the battle of the sexes would all be drastically simplified. That is why we all (including the Chief of Police) want to believe in polygraphs. The problem is that there are no reliable truth machines. There is a reason that polygraphs are not admissible in court. The reason is simple, they do not meet scientific standards of reliability. So, although no one would probably love a reliable truth machine more than a judge, polygraph results are inadmissible in court.

Polygraphs are useful as an investigative tool. Any detective will tell you that and I have used them myself. But when used in law enforcement on law enforcement officers, they often become tools for abuse. There is a section in the Public Safety Officers Bill of Rights prohibiting polygraphs that is there largely because of LAPD management's abuse of polygraphs in the early 1970s. The stories are legion of lines of officers sitting on the wooden benches outside the elevator on the fourth floor for hours waiting for their polygraphs.

"If you didn't do anything wrong, why won't you take a polygraph?" Or, more to the point, "if you didn't do anything wrong, why can't you pass a polygraph?" These are difficult questions to answer if you are innocent. Being unwilling to go through the process can be tantamount to an admission of guilt in some managers' minds.

The problem is not the taking of the polygraph. The problem is the effect on your career of an "inconclusive" or

"deceptive" result. Keep in mind that polygraphs are not scientifically accepted. You can be innocent and get an "inconclusive" or "deceptive" result.

Take the officer who applied for narcotics and received an "inconclusive" on his polygraph. He had no idea why since he had never violated any narcotics laws in his life. For whatever reason, the polygraph operator could not give him a clean polygraph result. He did not show deceptive, but he could not pass. The very term "inconclusive" should tell you that the polygraph test results had no meaning, one way or the other. Nevertheless, the officer found out several months later that an Internal Affairs tail team had been following him around to determine if he was involved in narcotics use. The reason? The "inconclusive" poly. The Department assumed that if he could not pass, he must be dirty. It is this kind of thinking that helped pass the ban on polygraph testing found in the Public Safety Officers Bill of Rights.

So, what should your answer be to the question of taking a voluntary polygraph? Easy. Just say no. Your innocence does not guarantee that you will pass the polygraph. Even an inconclusive will haunt you for the rest of your career. We could go a step further. If any supervisor even asks you this question, file a personnel complaint against him or her. Here is what the LAPD's *Personnel Investigations: A Guide for Supervisors* says about polygraphs on page 85.

"...it is Department policy that requests to submit to polygraph examinations **shall not be made** and a sworn employee's request for a polygraph examination should be denied."

Rules are supposed to be followed by everyone, even commanding officers.

Public Safety Statements

In a similar vein, rumors are being heard that some members of higher management are instructing their supervisors to get a statement of "what happened" from officers involved in Officer Involved Shootings (OIS) prior to the arrival of the Robbery Homicide investigators.

Additionally, some supervisors are doing this in ignorance of the rules and the reason for the rules.

What is a public safety statement?

"Typically these questions would include the number and description of outstanding suspects, location of evidence, and the

direction the shots were fired." [Officer Involved Shooting Investigations manual, page 44]

Other than these crucial details, asking an officer who has just fired his or her weapon and is under the influence of a few gallons of adrenalin will guarantee that you are getting the most inaccurate impression of what really happened of all of the people that will eventually be interviewing this officer. That is why your duty is as follows:

"The first supervisor at the scene of an OIS should determine who the involved officers are and obtain a Public Safety Statement from the involved officers."

Questions regarding the officer's tactics and state of mind shall be avoided. Have the shooting officers and the percipient officers transported to the nearest police facility by a supervisor." [OIS manual, page 12, emphasis added]

As the first supervisor at the scene of an OIS, it is your duty to stop an officer from discussing the OIS in detail. If you go further than a Public Safety Statement, several things happen. First, you are guilty of misconduct for failing to follow Department rules and regulations. Second, you become a pawn in the "who can we blame" game. You will be interviewed on tape regarding all statements you obtained from the officer. Any detail that varies at all from any other detail in the investigation will guarantee you a witness seat at the subsequent depositions, state or federal trials, or Boards of Rights. Someone, depending on who thinks you are good or bad for their case, will be asking you why you didn't follow Department rules and regulations. Third, you are doing the involved officer a disservice. Read pages 63 to 80 of the Officer Involved Shooting Investigations manual for the psychological considerations in dealing with officers who have undergone exposure to a deadly force incident.

"Detectives assigned to shooting investigations **must be aware** of the psychological effects of shooting events and understand how these effects will alter the involved officers' recollection of the event." [Officer Involved Shooting Investigations, page 39, emphasis added]

The Robbery Homicide Officer Involved Shooting team has this training. You do not. Let the experts handle these investigations. Don't interfere with those that know what they are doing.

Guts and Duty

It was another Board of Rights regarding the allegations made by Rafael Perez. Perez was scheduled to testify. Associate Board Member Captain Joe Currier made a statement that he hoped there would be corroboration to Perez' testimony because he thought Perez had credibility problems. (Like, no kidding, see last month's article on Perez' admissions that he has committed perjury hundreds of times, stolen \$60,000 plus from arrestees, and filched narcotics from Property Division and other arrestees) However, this was inconsistent with the Department's position. How could this mere captain think that Perez had credibility problems? This was heresy! Hadn't the Department just had a Task Force lieutenant testify that eighty percent of Perez' allegations were correct and the other twenty percent was only inaccurate as the result of honest mistakes? The Department moved to have Captain Currier removed from the Board for bias. Captain Jim Tatreau, the Chairman of the Board, heard the motion and denied it. He felt that Captain Currier's comment was much ado about nothing. The Department refused to proceed and obtained an order from upper management to order the Board to stop in its tracks until the Chief of Police could decide whether or not Currier would be recused. Civilian Board Member Donna Wade protested on the record that Boards of Rights were supposed to be free from political intervention and that if they recused Captain Currier, they could recuse her too because she agreed with everything he said.

As of this writing, the Board has been stopped. The Board members recommended that the accused officer be reinstated because the delay was no fault of his. The Board members all strongly objected to the Department's action. No matter how this is resolved, three people showed their mettle. Obviously, Joe Currier, Jim Tatreau and Donna Wade take their roles under Charter Section 1070 seriously and are willing to stand tall when they perceive improper interference in those duties. This is the way the system is supposed to work. Our thanks to these Board members and the public display of their integrity.

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Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I'm a German police officer and would like to correspond with an L.A. police officer. My e-mail address is: pbg-dueren@t-online.de.

Gerard Frankenm

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am a police officer with the London Metropolitan Police and am having great difficulty finding an e-mail pen-friend from the LAPD. I admire the brave work you guys and gals do on such dangerous streets compared to ours in the UK, but having e-mailed the LAPD site, I got no real help. Can you help me? Would you pass on my e-mail address—talgar@btinternet.com—to any officer who is interested in striking up a friendship with me over the Web?

I really need your help on this. No one else seems to be able to. Many thanks in anticipation of a response.

PC Ian Backhouse
176DP Paddington Division

Dear Mr. Zine:

Re: Kick them more when they're down!

I have been on the job for four years. Growing up all I wanted to be was a cop with LAPD. Recently the new captain decided to give everyone a neg comment card for calling in sick five or more times in the past year. Ninety percent of the division got one. The captain on his own decided the average sick time should be five days even though the department said it was seven days. We're so beaten down that we just accept it. I and a lot of my peers, not only in WTD, are applying with other departments. We can't wait to leave LAPD and yet just four years ago you couldn't pay me to leave this department. So please keep those job adverts coming from other departments.

Mr. Zine, I don't see why all the motor cops don't just go and write five tickets each instead of 20. If they all do that then it would send a strong message to the city of our dissatisfaction. Also the city is not going to fire them all. Or if let's say 40 percent of the rank and file

send in their letter of resignation the city would get the message. Just food for thought.

(Name withheld at writer's request.)

Dear Ted Hunt:

I just read your editorial in May pleading a new tone for *The Thin Blue Line*.

Congratulations on the League's foresight and professionalism in adopting a constructive approach. Since leaving LAPD in '89 after 20 years, I have found that many people who matter value the high quality of LAPD officers. I have been placed in several leadership positions precisely because of those qualities I developed on the force.

The League's pledge of constructive criticism recognizes this traditional cornerstone of professionalism.

LAPD was the best when I left in '89. Tell all the men and women in blue they are the best still.

Never stop telling them. Never let third-rate pundits or political hucksters tell them otherwise. As Churchill said of the seeming power of enemies to bring down England during its darkest days, "Never, never, never, never, never."

At present, LAPD endures. It will prevail.

Tell all my partners at Rampart to keep the faith. They will win.

Dr. Bill Buck (15170)
Hobk, Rampart, DHD
Chair, Humanities Department,
Central Oregon Community College
(Oregon's official next 4-year college)

Dear Editor:

One week ago today we lost a legend of our time. Yes, a legend! Retired Sgt. Joseph J. Farrell (1st Class of '53) left his life for a new life in that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Many will remember Joe as an instructor at the Academy, especially on the P.T. field. You remember him as a tough guy who knew what he was talking about. He showed you how to stay alive in the field. I knew him as a classmate, as a tackle on the 1949 All Marine Corps Championship football team, a teammate with actor Gene Hackman. In the Academy, he showed some of the then instructors how cadence should be called so the men could properly march. He later walked a beat on skid row, making more arrests alone than anyone thought possible. I had the opportunity of teaming up with him in RHD and we took in some bad guys together. He was good.

A few years ago I think I really got to know Joe for what he really was—a gentle, caring, firm and tough ex-cop. He and wife, Dodie, invited my cancer-ridden son and I to stay at their Redondo Beach home while Joe took us to UCLA Medical Research for four days. Their daughter, Lisa, also did her part to make us comfortable. The proud parents of five children took us in as if we were a part of them. Joe had the same renal cell carcinoma as my son, only eight years before. His was "cured." The same treatment didn't work on my son. We came home and had my son, Bill's, tumors removed surgically. So far, he's doing okay. Meanwhile, Joe's came back. He lost Dodie a year ago, February, his daugh-

ter, Lisa, in October, and Joe himself last Father's Day, all due to cancer. No one cried. No one felt sorry for themselves. They just continued to worry about others and each other.

We called each other frequently over the last two years. Those Irishmen were tough, only worrying about someone else. Yes, in my eyes, Joe was a legend and may his memory as such carry on. Those people who joined the department after "our" time, have surely missed the good men, the Joe Farrells, who made LAPD number one.

My sincere condolences to Sgt. Mike Farrell, Pacific Division, his brothers and sister.

Inv. 3 L.R. (Bob) Arnold 6985, Retired Sheriff L. R. (Bob) Arnold
Nowata Co., Oklahoma - Retired

Dear Editor:

It grieves me to see my beloved Department so maligned and ridiculed again. It seems that we can never ride the waves of accomplishment and success for very long, but we should never lose faith. The job by nature is a downer, what other profession sees humanity at its worse, so in that respect you're special. Not all people can handle it.

Politicians get to make the laws. You have to enforce them. Politicians get votes, contributions and cheers, while you get cursed, stoned and demonized. You will never, no matter what you do, or how many die in the service of the city, be able to win the hearts of the majority. Why? Because you represent what is good, and that's hard for most folks to swallow. Therefore they are constantly looking for your weak points, and when they find one they put us all in the same basket. That way in their view we are no longer that tower of integrity. No other profession suffers that one bad apple theory like police. The object is to take care of one another and glean your rewards from your accomplishments.

I retired in 1997, my last three years at Rampart area. I loved it there and the people were great. Yes, Perez was there during that time, and I don't feel any less proud of my service. Each officer must be responsible for their actions. You can't let what Perez did affect your career or service. Move on and be the best you can be! There are a lot of people out here like me who'll tell anybody that will listen LAPD is the best police department in the world. It ain't bragging if it's true!

I was called for jury duty in Kingman, Arizona. I reported and went through the process, where you have to answer if anyone in your family or any of your friends are police officers. Of course I knew this was my ticket out, even though deep down I wanted to stay (it was a murder case). When I finished my resume of police activity and left the building I had walked to the middle of the street heading for my vehicle when I heard someone shouting. I looked back to see this man walking/running toward me, so I stopped and faced him. As he approached, he said, "You was a cop in L.A.?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Can I shake your hand?" As we shook hands standing there in the middle of the street, I was overwhelmed with pride, and there was this lump in my throat. I

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Michael Lombardo #7173
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: August 9, 1929
APPOINTED: February 15, 1954
RETIRED: September 3, 1974
DIED: December 13, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Noble L. Foss #10307
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: January 28, 1931
APPOINTED: May 4, 1959
RETIRED: June 27, 1992
DIED: August 26, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Leo C. Despres #4452
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Venice
BORN: October 18, 1924
APPOINTED: April 7, 1947
RETIRED: April 7, 1968
DIED: June 2, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Stephen O. Rasmussen #16627
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: February 24, 1948
APPOINTED: December 28, 1970
RETIRED: July 8, 1982
DIED: June 3, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Albert A. Murphy #4847
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: 77th
BORN: January 27, 1918
APPOINTED: August 1, 1947
RETIRED: January 1, 1968
DIED: June 5, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Edward J. Rada #4633
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: Narcotics
BORN: May 5, 1917
APPOINTED: June 16, 1947
RETIRED: June 20, 1972
DIED: June 18, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Shiree L. Arrant #24637
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: DARE
BORN: April 24, 1962
APPOINTED: November 19, 1984
ACTIVE
DIED: June 19, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Edwin H. McCamant, Jr. #6075
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: April 14, 1917
APPOINTED: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: February 23, 1969
DIED: June 26, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert W. Rose #4753
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: November 26, 1921
APPOINTED: July 1, 1947
RETIRED: July 10, 1972
DIED: June 28, 2000



Zine

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equipped? Improperly trained? Lacked experience and leadership? Just what was the problem with our highly paid command staff?

Upon viewing the remarks of the Mayor and Police Chief after the incident, we learned that the "leaders" of our City did not want to provoke the mob and intentionally held back. The comments that we protected life, and that property was not that big of a deal is an embarrassment to all professional law enforcement officers. In my 32 years with the LAPD, I have always adhered to the principles of protecting

life and property. From comments made by the Chief the day after the riot, we now have a new goal. Protect life and forget about protecting property. This statement sends the wrong message to the community and the officers. After examining the entire situation, you can understand why our uniformed officers are now the M.T.D. police.

Date to Remember

Those fine Democrats will be visiting our City and nominating the next Democratic Presidential Candidate. Make sure you protect them from the thugs of our City. The O.T. will be flowing along with the political B.S.

Good luck to all!

President's Message - Hunt

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Taxpayers also care whether or not their tax dollar has been spent wisely. Not having Flex Scheduling is costly to the taxpayers. Flexible Scheduling puts more officers on the street at the times when the officers are needed the most. Flexible Scheduling improves service by improving morale and it saves money because of its inherent efficiency.

The taxpayers of this City lost an \$8.2 million dollar grant because LAPD can't hire and retain enough officers. That loss is due in large part to no Flexible Schedule.

LAPD's own 1996 evaluation of the Compressed Work Schedule said that the taxpayers saved over \$24 million by implementing CWS.

The net loss of over 700 LAPD officers since Dick Riordan was re-elected has an indirect (soft dollar) loss of \$350 million in recruitment and training costs.

The poor management decision to eliminate CWS has been recognized by each of the five major candidates for mayor. In the recent Mayoral Debate sponsored by the League, each of the five major candidates for mayor stated that they supported flexible scheduling. A new mayor will take office on July 1, 2001, less than a year from now.

Task Force on Pension Reform

A couple of years ago, the League helped peace officers who work for agencies that have the P.E.R.S. retirement system to significantly improve their system. While their associations did most of the lobbying we provided critical input and support that ensured the passage of the P.E.R.S. enhanced benefits.

Those improved benefits have made LAPD's once superior system, significantly inferior. LAPD's inferior pension system is another reason why LAPD can not attract and retain people. Our systems needs to be improved.

Part of this contract included recognition of the pension problem and an agreement to negotiate a significantly improved system, especially for Article 35 officers.

The Task Force on Pension Reform is supercharged and ready to get to work. The Task Force members know pensions inside and out and will be "crunching the numbers" and making proposals that

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couldn't speak, so I failed to ask him if he was from L.A. or anything. He said, "People don't know what you guys do out there." He walked back toward the building and I proceeded to my car. You may say it's a little thing, but I will never forget that feeling.

May God bless and keep you guys.

William Jones (Ret.)

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sgt. John Cooley from the Employee Assistance Unit and his staff. Also I would like to thank Lt. Gloria Vargas and Officer Theresa Skinner. It's been a long overdue thank you. But it's been hard for me to talk about it. So, without getting too detailed, I want to thank Sgt. Cooley for all his support and help with the loss of my mother. Now, we as patrol officers are faced with death investigations on a regular basis. However, when it comes to your own family, that's another story. Sgt. Cooley responded to the hospital many times and spent many hours with my father and me. He stuck by my side, helped me with many decisions I had to make, and guided me in the right direction. Sgt. Cooley also introduced me to Steve Hillmann, a department chaplain and police officer. I would like to thank Steve for all of his support and for conducting the services at my mother's memorial.

Consent. Decree. Charter changes are more permanent and have less problems than administration under a consent decree.

Regardless of which way we go, changes have to be made because the current system is causing the Department to collapse.

Task Force on College Credits and POST Certificates

One of the elements of the new contract is to give an incentive for officers to go back to college or to reward officers who already have college. It doesn't matter if you stay at LAPD or move on to another department, advanced education is an increasingly more important element in hiring, promotions and advancement.

This Task Force is in the process of making arrangements with both community colleges and four-year schools, to grant college credit for your Police Academy training. We are setting up a

The Los Angeles Police Department is experiencing some rough times right now. One great thing that we do have is the Employee Assistance Unit. All you have to do is call, and they can help with many different problems. I hope with the changing times that the LAPD will always have the Employee Assistance Unit.

Thank you,
Peggy Thusing, #25120
Pacific Division

Los Angeles Times

Re: Los Angeles Police Department

Dear Editor:

There are 9,000 men and women who risk their lives daily to help ensure your safety. Nearly fifty have been killed in the line of duty in the last thirty years "protecting and serving" the citizens of Los Angeles.

However, your publication continues to print stories about a few misfits who have given an entire police agency a black eye. By the way, who do you think arrested Mr. Perez? Tom Hayden? Or perhaps Janet Reno?

Be assured that I will NEVER purchase another L.A. Times as long as I live. And I am asking everyone I know to discontinue their subscription or use of your publication (including commercial advertisers).

Best wishes,
Randy Walker

system to make it easy to apply for and obtain your college credits for having attended the Police Academy and to make it easy to apply for and obtain your POST certificates.

We have opened up avenues with community colleges and four-year schools to attain this goal. Also, the League is a certified POST presenter and we will have the proper training, per the contract, available for you if the Department is not able to meet your needs.

Summary

We have made great strides in the past year but we have so far to go. We have formed a Task Force and we are aggressively moving forward on each of the critical issues facing us: Flexible Scheduling; Discipline Reform; Pension Reform and POST Certification (college credits). Thanks for all of your support.



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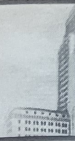
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



Carl Washington, Member, California State Assembly, 52nd District

Assemblyman Carl Washington is a life-long resident of the 52nd A.D. The sixth of seven children, he was raised by his parents, O.B. and Rosa Lee Washington in South Central Los Angeles. He is a product of local public schools in the area and attended Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, where he studied at the Minister's Institute. He was called to the Ministry in 1983 and ordained in 1988. Prior to his first term in the California State Assembly, Assemblyman Washington was a Field Deputy for Supervisor Yvonne Burke, the first African-American to be elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Washington's commitments are many. He is the founder and organizer of the Saturday Night Live Christian Fellowship; he also founded the Young Minister's Conference of Los Angeles. He also serves as spokesman for the Minister's Coalition for peace which

was organized three weeks before the civil unrest in 1992.

He is a member of the Black Caucus of the California Democratic Party, Lynwood Community Violence Task Force, and the Compton Public Safety Committee. He is a mediator with the gang truce in South Central Los Angeles, a member of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Criminal Justice Board, NAACP Compton Branch, Gardena Valley Democratic Club and New Frontier Democratic Club, Delegate to the California Council on Children and Youth, Chairman of the Committee for Gang Alternatives and a board member of Hands Across Watts, Inc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Community Youth Gang Services, the American Philanthropy Association, Inc., and the Young American National Awareness Campaign.

In 1992, Washington lectured at UC Santa Barbara, UC Berkeley, UC



Carl Washington, Member, California State Assembly, 52nd District.

San Francisco, UCLA, USC, and the University of Lubbock in Texas, to name a few. In 1993, he also lectured at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

As a goodwill ambassador, Assemblyman Washington was chosen by the Korean government in South Korea to lead a delegation of university and high school students in Seoul, Korea, for a two-week cultural difference conference in response to the Latasha Harlins killing. He has been a community activist in South Central Los Angeles for the past 13 years.

Assemblyman Washington has received numerous awards and honors for his various civic and church activities. KABC-TV, KFWB and KJLH

radio have selected him as person of the week; K-CAL made him a frequent guest on their segment of Cross Talk. Additionally, the Watts Health Foundation and Congressman Walter Tucker have honored him for his tireless efforts to bring peace to the community.

In 1993, Assemblyman Washington was the only United States recipient of the Reebok International Human Rights Award. In that same year, Assemblyman Washington was awarded the Los Angeles Black Business Expo Economic Development Award. He was also selected as a delegate to the Pan African Congress in Uganda, Africa, in December of 1993.

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Assembly Bill 1850 authored by Lou Correa (D: Santa Ana) and signed by Governor Davis at the Plaza of the Flags in Santa Ana, permits the surviving spouse of any peace officer or firefighter who died in the line of duty to attend any state college or university tuition free.

"I am honored to have had a role in carrying this bill," Assembly Member Lou Correa told the *Blue Line*. "Nothing any of us can do will make up for the loss of a husband or wife. But we can help by making it easier for the surviving spouse to redirect her/his life and career through education."

The new law which takes effect January 1, 2002, permits a surviving spouse to attend any California State University campus, any University of California campus, and the Hastings College of Law, tuition free.

Currently, the children of a peace officer or firefighter who died in the line of duty have the benefit of free tuition at a state school. Lou Correa's AB 1850 expands that great benefit to include the surviving spouse of a deceased California hero.



State Assemblymember Lou Correa, author of A.B. 1850, with League President Ted Hunt, at the signing of legislation providing for free state college tuition for surviving spouses of officers who die on duty.

"AB 1850 bill provides an outstanding opportunity for a surviving spouse to improve her/his career path through the excellent educational advantages of the California State higher education system," said Ted Hunt, President of the Police Protective League, one of the supporters of the Bill. "It is also retroactive. In other words, a surviving spouse is not excluded from this benefit if her/his spouse had died previous to this bill taking effect."



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On March 24, 2000, at approximately 0930 hours, an "ADW/Shooting in Progress" occurred at 9722 South Central Avenue. The suspects involved in the shooting were described as two male blacks, one wearing a blue shirt and blue pants. The suspects were last seen driving N/B from the location. Moments later, a traffic collision occurred in the same area where two male blacks, described as above, were seen attempting to leave on foot after colliding into a parked tractor truck causing it to turn over.

As the radio calls were broadcasted, Air Unit 3, Officers **Plahy** and **Zoltan**,

responded to the area and observed two male blacks, dressed as described above, running eastbound on 100th Street approaching Success Avenue. Plahy and Zoltan directed responding unit 18A63, Officers **Dixon** and **Meza**, to the suspects' location. As Dixon and Meza approached the suspects, they exited their police vehicle and ordered the two suspects to stop. Both suspects failed to obey the officers' orders and ran. Air 3 observed the suspects running and quickly requested additional units via their radio, for a perimeter. The Air Unit maintained their observa-

tions of the suspects as they separated and ran in different directions. One suspect ran into a garage located at 1414 E. 100th St. and the second suspect ran to the rear yard of the residence directly across the street from 1414 E. 100th St. The Air Unit continued its orbit ensuring that the suspects remained within the perimeter. Once the suspects were contained, a Command Post was established, and all responding units and supervisors began to gather information as to the crime(s) that occurred.

During the investigation, it was quickly determined that the two suspects were involved in the ADW/Shooting that occurred at 9722 South Central Avenue. During the ADW, the suspects attempted to escape in their vehicle. The driver apparently lost control of his vehicle and collided into a parked tractor. Following the collision, the two suspects attempted to leave the location on foot. At that time, Victim David Osuna confronted the two male black suspects regarding the traffic collision. Osuna's parents own the truck. As Osuna confronted the suspects, one of them produced a handgun and pointed it directly at Osuna. Fearing for his safety, Osuna ducked behind a wall to avoid being shot. Both suspects then ran eastbound on 99th Street. During the hit and run traffic investigation, a handgun and spent casing was recovered from inside the suspect's car.

Note: This was a unique day for the Department due to the funeral of SWAT Officer **Louis Villalobos**.

Deployment of units throughout the Department were at minimum due to the funeral. Additionally, the Tactical frequencies within the Department were down due to communications upgrades. During this incident, Southeast Units were forced to use Simplex on their base frequency. Radio communications during this incident were of very low quality.

Once it was established that the suspects were armed and involved in the ADW as well as the hit and run traffic collision, a K9 Unit was requested. K9 Unit 3 (Officer **Nagatoshi** and K9 **Arras**) and K9 Unit 9 (Officer **O'Hara** and K9 **Rudy**) responded to the Command Post.

A K9 search was conducted which resulted in the apprehension of the first suspect in the rear garage area at 1419 E. 100th St. The second suspect was also apprehended during a K9 search from the garage at 1414 E. 100th St. That suspect was located hiding in the rear floorboard of a vehicle that was parked inside the garage.

Officers **Plahy** and **Zoltan**, Air Unit 3, are to be commended for their attention to duty, keen observation and communication skills and teamwork. Officers **Dixon** and **Meza** are to be commended for their attention to duty, observation skills, tactics, teamwork, and investigative skills.

The remaining officers are to be commended for their attention to duty, quick response, job interest, teamwork and tactical skills. Great job by everyone involved!

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On June 12, 1999, at approximately 1615 hours, Sgt. **Bushy** was the acting Watch Commander for PM watch. He received a telephone call from an FBI agent, Mike Williams. Williams received information from a confidential informant that three "118 East Coast" gang members were driving in a black Mercedes stretch limousine and preparing to commit a drive-by shooting on rival Blood gang members. The targeted gangs were the Denver Lanes and Athens Parks gangs. Two of the possible shooting suspects were gang members named **Artis Clemens**, AKA **Mousy** and **Larry Loc**. The limousine was coming from either 360 or 365 E. 120th Street. Sgt. **Bushy** contacted Southeast CRASH Officer **Wu** and advised him of the above.

Officer **Wu** contacted Air Support and requested a fly-by over the area of 120th Street and San Pedro to search for the possible suspect vehicle. Air 40, Officers **Mardesich** and **Cornell**, responded to the request and within ten minutes observed a black Mercedes limousine driving around the area of the 300 block of East 120th Street. They contacted Officer **Wu** and his partner, Officer **Mayer**, who responded to the location. Officer **Wu** requested a backup. When sufficient units arrived, they conducted a traffic stop on the limousine. Officers detained the three passengers and the limousine driver pending further information.

The three passengers identified themselves as **Larry Maxent** (Def #1), **Dwayne Ross** (Def #2), and **Clifford**

Brass (Def #3). Inside the limousine, officers observed an open bottle of champagne and a clear plastic baggy containing possible marijuana. A search of the vehicle for weapons turned up negative. Def #1 Maxent stated he was on probation for carrying a loaded firearm in public. Def #2 Ross stated he was currently on parole for manslaughter. The three passengers exhibited symptoms of being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. All three passengers and the driver, **Witness Clinton Cameron**, were transported to Southeast station for further investigation.

At Southeast station FBI agent Williams contacted Officer **Wu** and stated the suspects' residence was at either 341 or 365 East 120th Street. He described the suspects' residence as the rear house on the property, with an outdoor bird cage to the rear of that, and two vehicles—a white Bronco and an Oldsmobile—parked in the driveway.

Def #1 Maxent resided at 341 E. 120th Street. Officers obtained his house keys and CRASH officers, Probation Officer **Steinreck** and Det. Supervisor **Moulton** responded to Maxent's residence to conduct a probation search. The location fit the description provided by the FBI agent. Inside the residence officers found more contraband (possible marijuana and rock cocaine), but no weapons.

Officers responded to Def #2 Ross's residence and conducted a parole search with negative results.

Officers were unable to identify Def #3, **Brass**. He was fingerprinted and a FIN comparison was requested. Def #3 was identified, via his fingerprints, to be **Artis Clemens**. **Brass** had California State Identification (DMV) in the name of **Clifford Brass**.

Def #1 Maxent was arrested for 11359 H&S "Possession of Marijuana for Sale." A probation hold was placed on him. Def #2 Ross was arrested for a parole violation. Def #3 **Brass** was arrested on the open charge of "Fraudulent obtaining of a Driver's License." **Brass** also had three misdemeanor warrants for his arrest under various aliases.

All officers involved demonstrated professionalism in teamwork and excellent tactics in conducting the traffic stop of the limousine. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic was rerouted to give the officers ample room to conduct their business. The subsequent probation/parole searches were conducted professionally without incident. The officers set up a tactical plan at each residence prior to entering and conducted themselves with the highest regard to officer safety. The end result was three arrests. Based on the validity of the informant's information, this investigator believes that a drive-by shooting would have occurred later that evening if this information was not processed and acted upon. These officers should all be commended and encouraged to maintain this level of excellence.

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P-2 Joseph Cavestany, #32246
P-3 Pedro Cabunoc, #25622
P-1 Jennifer Vass, #35390

P-3 Justin Mudgett, #30486
P-2 David Swanson, #35141
P-3 Julie Carpenter, #30931
P-2 Tyler Lee, #32870

On January 9, 2000, at approximately 2010 hours, Foothill Area Patrol Officers **T. Watson** and **D. Swanson** were in full uniform and a black and white marked LAPD vehicle on routine patrol. Officers received a radio call, "Shots fired in progress," at 12844 MacLay Street. While en route to the radio call, additional information was relayed that a female had been shot inside the residence and the suspect had stated that he wanted the police to kill him. It was determined that the caller and suspect were one in the same, Jose Barajas.

Once at scene, Officer Watson requested additional units and a supervisor to respond for the purpose of establishing a perimeter around the location. Several units arrived, and Officer Watson deployed them in a manner so as to negate any possible escape by Jose Barajas. Attempts were made by the first responders to establish a landline with Jose Barajas to determine if there was a shooting victim inside the location. While speaking with Barajas on the telephone, the officers sensed his demeanor to be quite agitated and volatile to say the least. Officer Watson observed Barajas to exit the front door of the residence holding a 45-caliber handgun at his side, and then quickly re-enter the location. Barajas was observed to move throughout the residence with no apparent pattern, and at one time Officer Watson again observed him holding a handgun, with his hands drenched in blood.

During this sequence of events, information was related to the Incident Commander, that a citizen was located in the unattached back residence. Further communication revealed that a female (Lisa Lopez) resided in the front house with Jose Barajas. The two had been arguing earlier in the evening, and the citizen heard four noises that he interpreted as bangs or pops originating from the residence at about 1900 hours. Officers now believed that the potential for a shooting victim to still be inside the location was very likely.

Knowing that the response of Metropolitan Division, specifically the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) would result in a crucial time delay if in fact there was a victim critically wounded inside the residence; immediate police action was imperative. The Incident Commander made the decision to formulate a plan of entry to rescue the victim and arrest Jose Barajas. Sgt.

Mosher was tasked with the mission of forming a "Contact/Rescue" Team, and making entry.

Sgt. Mosher accepted the responsibility without question, and immediately set to selecting officers for this dangerous assignment. The team was put together as follows: Entry team - Officers **Mudgett**, **Watson**, **Swanson**, **Cavestany**, **Carpenter**, and Sgt. **Mosher**; Rescue team - Officers **Lee**, **Vass** and **Cabunoc**.

A diagram of the location was drawn up with the assistance of the citizen who resided in the rear house. Each of the team members familiarized themselves with the sketch, and each was given a specific assignment by Sgt. Mosher. It was decided that Officer **Mudgett** would be the first entry member of the team, and he would be armed with an 870 shotgun. Officer **Watson** was second utilizing a bean bag shotgun, followed by Officer **Swanson**. Officer **Swanson's** responsibility was to force entry by kicking the door. Officers **Cavestany** and **Carpenter** were designated as the covering officers, and also with the added responsibility of being the arrest team. Sgt. **Mosher** was the team leader as well as the Communications Officer. Officers **Lee** and **Vass** were designated to perform a rescue of the victim if needed. Once the tactical plan was solidified, the wheels were set in motion.

Officers approached the front door of the residence in a stealth mode as to negate any possible detection by the suspect. Officer **Mudgett** positioned himself with the shotgun to cover the front entrance, while Officers **Cavestany** and **Carpenter** deployed alongside him. Sgt. **Mosher** directed Officer **Swanson** to force entry, and with one swift motion Officer **Swanson** kicked open the door. The team led by Officer **Mudgett** quickly entered the darkened residence. Upon entry, Sgt. **Mosher** observed an apparent female gunshot victim lying motionless on a couch located to the right of the entryway. He quickly called for Officers **Vass** and **Lee** to extract the victim from the location. Officer **Cabunoc** stepped forward and while deploying the shotgun risked his own life by making safe the area where the victim was located. Once clear and without hesitation or fear, Officers **Vass** and **Lee** successfully carried the victim outside to safety while Officer **Cabunoc** risked his own life by exposing himself to potential

danger by covering Officers **Vass** and **Lee** as they completed their mission.

Simultaneously Officers **Watson**, **Mudgett** and **Swanson** proceeded to systematically search the residence for Jose Barajas, who they knew to still be armed. Despite the obvious risk to themselves and their comrades, the officers gallantly chose to engage Barajas if necessary. As the officers entered the living room, Officer **Watson** observed Barajas approaching from the east side of the residence. Officer **Mudgett** raised his 870 shotgun to a position so as to engage Barajas with deadly force. Officer **Mudgett** did not, however, observe a weapon in Barajas' hands, but he still could not see if his hands were empty. Officer **Mudgett**, faced with the potential for deploying deadly force, chose to notify his comrades of his observations. He shouted for all to hear that he could not take a shot, as he was not positive that Barajas was armed with a firearm. Knowing that Barajas had violently shot one person and was capable of shooting the officers, Officer **Watson** reacted swiftly by stepping forward past Officer **Mudgett**, ordering Barajas to show the officers his hands. Barajas ignored Officer **Watson's** verbal commands, and moved directly toward the three officers in an aggressive, frightening manner. Officer **Watson** shouted aloud his commands pertaining to the bean bag shotgun and raised the weapon to a firing position. He deployed one round from the weapon striking Barajas in the abdomen. As Barajas fell to the ground and was observed to be unarmed, Officer **Mudgett** stepped over him to maintain a guarding position. Officers **Carpenter** and **Cavestany** repositioned themselves to Officer **Mudgett's** rear, to continue searching the residence. This was done for fear that multiple suspects or even victims could still be located within the residence. This was done for

fear that multiple suspects or even victims could still be located within the residence. Officers **Watson** and **Swanson** moved to Barajas and handcuffed him without incident. A systematic search of the complete residence was continued until it was determined that it could be rendered safe. The 45-caliber handgun used by Barajas to commit the heinous murder of his girlfriend was recovered from the living room floor.

It was determined later that the victim had been shot and expired prior to the officers' arrival at scene. However, this by no means lessens the bravery and total disregard for their own welfare by everyone involved.

Each of the officers, along with the supervisor, is commended for their commitment to the safety and well being of all the members of the Foothill community. As a team, they utilized excellent communication, tactical and verbalization skills. They maintained their cool under the heated circumstances of a violent, aggressive man who armed himself with a loaded handgun and with total disregard for the sanctity of human life murdered an innocent young woman. They continually evaluated the threat level he posed to them and withheld lethal use of force in a situation that no doubt would have been found within policy.

All of the officers should be recognized for their actions in what can be defined as the most terrifying and harrowing experience any of them will ever be exposed to. It is requested that the officers and supervisor be considered for any one of the departmental awards for individual bravery. After all, they placed the welfare and safety of their peers and community over their own to ensure the preservation of human life.

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NAPO Is Disappointed by Supreme Court's Decision on Ruling That Evidence is to be Automatically Excluded Under Miranda

Dickerson v. United States

Washington, D.C.—Executive Director of the National Association of Police Organizations Robert T. Scully stated, "We are very disappointed in the Court's decision. In our view, while clearing up the confusion as to whether *Miranda* was constitutionally compelled, the Court improperly applied the Fifth Amendment to voluntary and freely given statements from a suspect. The Court has applied the Fifth Amendment privilege to good faith police conduct in this case that technically violated *Miranda* due to some confusion as to when the warnings were required, but which resulted in a voluntary and freely given statement from the defendant. The defendant's statement in this case was not the result of a coerced or involuntary confession." (The Fifth Amendment states that, "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.")

Scully continued, "The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) filed an amicus brief in this case in support of law enforcement and the reasonable federal statute at issue. This case was not about whether giving the warnings made good public policy,

which many law enforcement officers support. Rather, it was about the automatic exclusion of incriminating statements if there was a technical violation of the *Miranda* guidelines. We pointed out to the Court that the purpose of law enforcement is to uncover truthful information in order to investigate crimes, identify suspects, clear the innocent, and convict the guilty, all without coercing incriminating statements. Thus, voluntary and uncoerced confessions and statements from suspects are inherently reliable and often necessary to solve crimes and then to apprehend and punish the offenders. This is why police professionals are trained in proper interrogation techniques to avoid practices that would result in involuntary confessions, not only because such statements violate the Constitution, but because they yield unreliable information. Unfortunately, under the rigid application of the *Miranda* formula in this case, both the absence of any coercion by the police during a custodial interrogation and the completely voluntary nature of a suspect's incriminating statement are of little significance whatsoever."

Scully continued, "If an officer makes just one misstep—not giving a suspect a *Miranda* warning because he in good

faith believes that the suspect is not yet in custody, the incriminating statement is thrown out and the suspect goes free, if the Court disagrees. Interrogation of criminal suspects is essential, yet this discussion makes police officers proceed at their own risk. Under *Miranda*, voluntary reliable confessions are excluded from evidence for "technical" violations, even when there is no suggestion of police wrongdoing, but instead inadvertence or confusion. For example, *Miranda* is only triggered when a suspect is in "custody," which remains a fertile subject for litigation. Hundreds of reported cases on the meaning of "custody" proves this point.

Consequently, *Miranda* has become a vehicle inviting routine efforts to exclude voluntary confessions and the *Dickerson* case will only increase the amount of litigation on this point in state and federal courts."

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves in Washington, D.C. to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents 4,000 police organizations and 220,000 sworn law enforcement officers.

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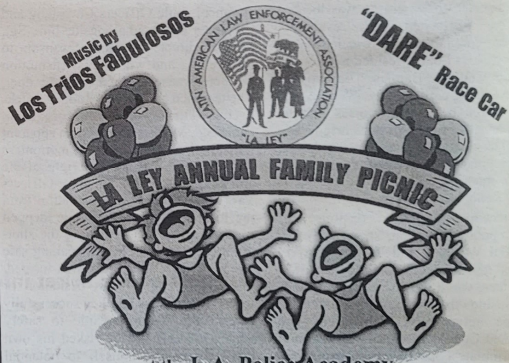


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(L-R) Thomas Zamora's parents, Thomas Zamora (\$3,000 winner), Stephen Endaya (LAPFCU President/CEO), Devon DeRousseau's father, and Devon DeRousseau (\$1,000 winner).

"At LAPFCU, we're committed to the success of our members," said LAPFCU President/CEO Steve Endaya. "A college education provides a firm foundation on which to build a successful life. We are pleased to support our members with our scholarship programs, as well as all the other services we offer at the Credit Union."

The 2000 LAPFCU scholarship was awarded to members age 17-22, who are

attending a college, university or technical school in fall, 2000. One \$3,000, one \$2,000 and five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. The applicants were judged on scholastic performance, community involvement and a 500-word essay on the future role of the Internet in the delivery of financial services.

The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union is a \$368 million financial institution serving over 35,000 active and retired, sworn and civilian employees of the Los Angeles Police Department and their families since 1936. LAPFCU has four offices in the Los Angeles area to serve its members.

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Los Angeles Police Department Officers Winners Of the Prestigious TOP COPS Awards Honoring America's Finest

Washington D.C.—Three officers with the Los Angeles Police Department in California will be honored as some of the nation's TOP COPS® at the Seventh Annual TOP COPS Awards® sponsored by the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), Robert T. Scully, Executive Director of NAPO, announced today.

Sergeant Joan Leuck, Police Officer Romik Keshishi, and Police Officer Cynthia French from the Los Angeles Police Department were nominated by Chief of Police Bernard C. Parks to receive the TOP COPS Award® for their efforts in stopping an armed man threatening the community. On New Year's Eve 1999, the suspect was observed by a neighbor with a semiautomatic assault rifle. Officer French responded with her partner and called for additional help. The suspect began firing at police. During the gunfight, Officer French sustained serious injuries, but Sergeant Leuck and Officer Keshishi held their ground as they continued to engage the suspect. The ordeal ended January 1, 1999 when the suspect died as a result of his wounds.

"It's a great honor to be selected for the TOP COPS Award®," said Police Officer Keshishi, upon learning that he was to be recipient of the TOP COPS Award®. Officer French added, "I am honored to represent the many hard working dedicated officers of the Los Angeles area," and Sergeant Leuck concluded, "It always has been, and always will be, an honor to serve the citizens of my community."

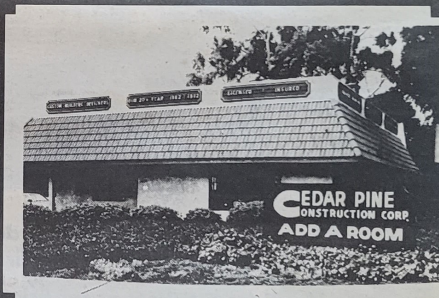
Sergeant Leuck, Police Officer Keshishi, and Police Officer French will

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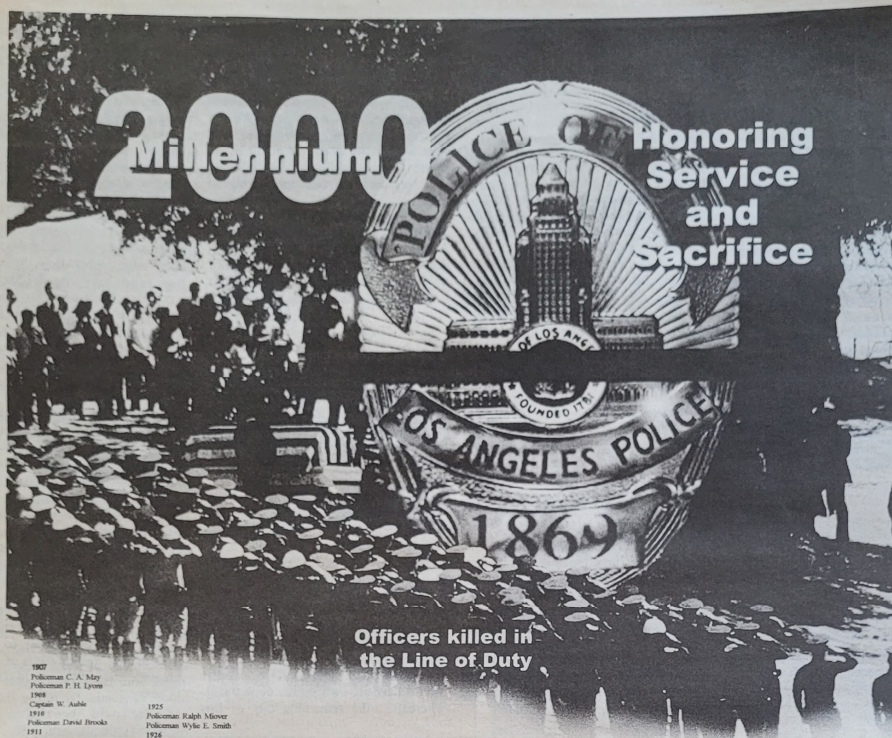
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What Next for the LAPD?

by Michael P. Rives

"They are in serious trouble now," said the wife of an ex-LAPD officer when discussing the possible imposition of federal monitoring of the Police Department. We in Los Angeles may be in the same condition.

A political appointee, Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, itself a source of questionable scandal investigations, and raids at Waco and Miami, informed the City Attorney of alleged violations of the U.S. Criminal Code. Lee said that his Department has been investigating the LAPD for four years. He gives no hint for the timing of his remarks, but, given the state of the Justice Department, isn't this a case of the kettle calling the pot black?

Speculation also abounds that the City Council and City Attorney James Hahn will agree to a Consent Decree issued by Lee's agency, but has anyone stopped to think about implications and consequences if the city agrees with the feds?

First of all, Assistant Attorney General Lee, in his letter to City Attorney Hahn, quotes federal statutes passed recently to deal with possible police agency abuse throughout the country. Lee uses the words "allegations" and "no determination with regard to those allegations." Lee doesn't mention the Constitution,

which says those powers that are not given to the national government are reserved for the states. Chief among powers is police powers. Neither does he add anything about Due Process for the citizens of a community who deserve their day in court.

All of the above is quite significant because if the City Council, on the recommendation of City Attorney Hahn, decides to accept federal monitoring and the Justice Department agrees, the Justice Department is agreeing to the fact that the local authorities do have the police power to act. If the local government can act because of its police powers guaranteed by the Constitution, it is incumbent for all concerned to be given Due Process, according to the Constitution. This means their day in court. In this case, it would be for the citizens of Los Angeles. The Constitution is not multiple choice. It is all or nothing for everybody.

Are we being subjected to the reasoning of the same type of upper echelon lawyers who failed us in the city attorney and District Attorney Garcetti's office? They were negligent in screening the misdemeanor and felony cases brought before them. This time the lawyers, from the top of their law classes, are in the federal justice system, and just like their local counterparts, they may be setting landmines for us.

First of all, if the city of L.A. agrees to consent decrees, aren't we admitting to blanket guilt to for all misdeeds of a few officers who may have been guilty of crimes? Does this mean we accept civil responsibility and have to pay without a trial the claims of persons, who may have been guilty of the Criminal Code, if not for the negligence of officers? Have we forfeited our opportunity to handle the police powers of our community in violation of the Constitution? In our haste to agree, are we agreeing to deal with a Justice Department that in the minds of some shows the appearance of impropriety in its investigations of its own Administration? Also, are we forfeiting the opportunity to deal with a new Justice Dept., in January, 2001, that won't be colored by scandals itself?

In addition, the current projected cost for the County of \$11.4 million to handle the Rampart scandal will certainly skyrocket if the City admits unmitigated guilt plus the hundreds of millions to pay the civil suits. Is the Justice Department going to absorb our costs if we agree with their unproved allegations?

Secondly, maddeningly also, is the fact that the current unrest in L.A. City Government seems to validate the claims who want to dismantle L.A. because of unresponsive and dictatorial decisions made by the L.A. City government. Will acceptance of a federal decree hasten the end of the city and defeat the purpose of any decree? After all, a new city in the Valley would supposedly not be under the guise of conditions decreed on the LAPD because it would have its own police department. Thereafter, the remaining city of Los

Angeles, half the size, would continue to foot the bill for a federal consent decree.

Thirdly, it is infuriating that the allegations made against the Police Department may involve racial discrimination. The Police Department has been under a decree for years to create diversity into its ranks with more minorities and females. In a city with no majority now, a simple glance at the nearest LAPD black and white cruiser will testify to its success. Now are we led to believe that these same officers are guilty as a group of racial discrimination upon others when they themselves are from varied backgrounds? Shouldn't this be challenged case by case to uphold the honor of the city and officers involved?

Finally, it is disappointing to discover that the very people who share blame because of their lack of vigilance, city attorney James Hahn and the City Council, seem to be eager to "pass the buck" to the feds. The LAPD belongs to the people of Los Angeles. Can some nameless bureaucrat handle the restoration of our honor 3,000 miles away in Washington?

In the meantime, our women and men in Blue must go to work each day not knowing if they will meet a bank robber, a rapist, or freeway chase suspect. Most do say a silent prayer at the beginning of their watch for God's help in returning them home safely. Maybe we all should say a prayer for them and this City of the Angels during all this turmoil. We are dealing with the honest to goodness lives of four million souls of one of the greatest cities in the world. Our burden is heavy.

Poet's Corner

Free Verse

"Anyone who imagines that bliss is normal is going to waste a lot of time running around shouting that he's been robbed. The fact is that most putts don't drop, most beef is tough, most children grow up to be just people, most successful marriages require a high degree of mutual toleration, most jobs are often more dull than otherwise. Life is like an old-time rail journey: Delays, slide tracks, smoke, dust cinders, and jolts, interspersed only occasionally by beautiful vistas, and thrilling bursts of speed. The trick is to thank the Lord for letting you have the ride."

And that's the way it is.

—Carl C. Howard, #2655

William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation

by Dennis J. De Noi

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation was created on January 25, 1967, by a subcommittee of the Los Angeles City Council, chaired by Councilman John Ferraro. That subcommittee recommended that the police headquarters building and its grounds be officially named "Parker Center" in honor of the late Chief William H. Parker (who died in office on July 16, 1966). Chief Parker joined the LAPD on August 8, 1927, and was appointed Chief of Police on August 9, 1950. At the time of his death from a heart attack, he had accumulated 39 years of out-

standing service with the department, 16 of which were as Chief (the longest reigning Chief in LAPD's history).

The Foundation's original funding came from simple one dollar donations from the loyal citizens that also believed that the good Chief's name and legacy should live on through a foundation in his honor. From this modest beginning, the Foundation has built and maintained a financial base and now issues numerous grants for specialized training course and equipment to personnel of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation is dedicated to the professional advancement of the Los

Angeles Police Department by providing enhanced opportunities for training, education and equipment to the proud men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The Parker Foundation board is comprised of outstanding leaders from the Los Angeles business community and dedicated officials of the LAPD.

The Foundation's most recent grant was to the Los Angeles Police Dive Unit. The Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant that allowed the Dive Unit to repair donated military acquisition equipment. The grant provided the means to repair approximately \$96,000 worth of the military equipment.



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William H. Parker
Chief of Police (1950-1966)

California Labor Code Section 96(K)

by Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman
Silver, Hadden & Silver Attorneys

As I explained in my previous memorandum regarding California Labor Code Section 96(k), the Labor Commission has been giving out conflicting advice as to whether or not it has jurisdiction to receive claims to recover lost wages on behalf of public employees as a result of a demotion, suspension, or termination for lawful, off-duty conduct. Therefore, in an abundance of caution, the remainder of the memorandum will explain the requirements for filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission to seek relief from a violation of Labor Code Section 96(k).

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 98.7, an employee alleging a violation of Labor Code Section 96(k) must file a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission within six (6) months after the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory action. This six-month period may be extended only for good cause.

Because of the newness of Labor Code Section 96(k), it is unclear at this time whether the "alleged discriminatory action" that triggers the six (6) month time limit for filing a Discrimination Complaint occurs (1) when the employee is notified of an intent to discipline based on charges involving off-duty, lawful conduct; or (2) after discipline (suspension, demotion, termination) is actually imposed and an actual loss of wages has occurred. The logical interpretation would be to begin the six (6) month time period when discipline resulting in loss of wages is imposed because without any lost wages there would be no

need for the Labor Commissioner to file a claim on an employee's behalf. However, until further guidance, employees should file a Complaint with the Labor Commission at the first sign of the Department's intent to impose discipline for lawful, off-duty conduct. If possible, employees should also raise an objection pursuant to Labor Code Section 96(k) to any charges based on lawful, off-duty conduct at the earliest possible stage of proceedings within the Department (i.e., internal affairs interview or Skelly hearing, etc.) so as to ensure that all rights are properly preserved.

Forms for filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission may be obtained by contacting your local Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, Public Information Unit. Once a complaint has been filed, the Labor Commissioner will investigate the complaint and issue an investigation report. The Labor Commissioner may hold an investigative hearing, if necessary to establish the facts. At the completion of the investigation, if the Labor Commissioner determines that a violation has occurred, he or she will direct the Department to cease and desist from the violation and will take whatever action is necessary to restore the employee to the position he or she was in prior to the violation including, where appropriate, interest on lost wages and/or payment of attorneys' fees. If the Department does not comply with the Labor Commissioner's order within ten (10) working days following notification, the Labor Commissioner will bring an action in court to enforce the order. The employee may intervene in the action if desired.

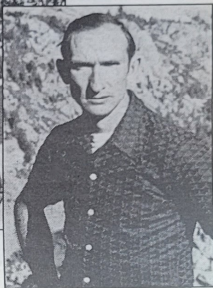
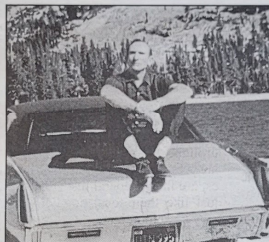
One should be cautioned, however, that if the Labor Commissioner determines that a complaint was frivolous, unreasonable, groundless, or in bad faith, the employee may be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees associated with the hearing held by the Labor Commission. The Labor Commissioner should make a determination within sixty (60) days after the filing of the Complaint. An appeal procedure does exist within the Labor Commission which must be filed with the Department of Industrial Relations within ten (10) days following notification of the Labor Commissioner's determination.

It is important to understand, however, that the procedure set forth above does not preclude an employee from pursuing any other rights and remedies under other provisions of law. As such, even if the Labor Commissioner determines that no violation has occurred, an

employee may still go to court to restrain the violation and obtain necessary relief on his/her own. Furthermore, Labor Code Section 98.7(f) may be interpreted to allow an employee to go straight to Superior Court to pursue a cause of action for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy as discussed in my prior memorandum.

As I explained in my prior memorandum, the Attorney General is expected to write an opinion clarifying the applicability of Labor Code Section 96(k) to public safety officers. I will continue to provide updates as new developments occur. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our office to get advice regarding the application of Labor Code 96(k) to specific factual scenarios or for assistance in filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission.

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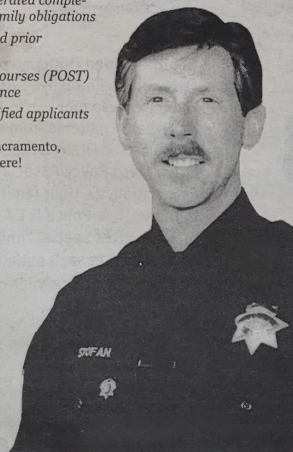
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The Career Development Section, in conjunction with La Ley, will be sponsoring oral preparation seminars for all Detective candidates this fall.

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Association, the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacific Islanders, and the Los Angeles Women's Police Officers Association and the Los Angeles Police Protective League. This landmark ethics seminar, to be held in conjunction with the University of Southern California, will benefit the participating employees by providing them with POST approved training in the area of police integrity and law enforcement ethics. The seminar will also provide employees with the opportunity to engage in dialogue with ethics officers, command staff, and academics on the critical issues surrounding professionalism and ethics in policing. Examining these issues will enhance the employees' promotional opportunities by providing insight into issues that may be addressed in promotional oral interviews.

The seminar will combine the practical experience of law enforcement personnel and theoretical perspective of university faculty to produce a balanced and provocative examination of police integrity and misconduct. In keeping with the Department's core value of "Integrity in all we say and do," the seminar will allow us to underscore our commitment to ethical police practices. By applying for POST credit, and by enlisting the assistance of the private sector and academia, it is our intention to demonstrate the openness of the LAPD in addressing vitally important ethical issues.

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To outline a working model for future ongoing ethics training curricula.

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City News "Police Plan, Staples Ruckus"

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Los Angeles Times "Restraint Was Part of LAPD Plan at Staples"

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Los Angeles Daily News "LAPD's Laker Failure"

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Associated Press "LAPD Plan Calling for Rapid Crowd-Control Appears to Contrast with Officers' Actions"

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City News Service "Talk About Convention Chaos"

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Deseret News (Salt Lake City) "Police to Protest at Democratic Convention"

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Associated Press "LAPD Union Plans Demonstration"

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The Hotline "Convention Watch: Who's Going to Protect Us?"

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Orange County Register "Police Union Seeks to Picket Convention"

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San Diego Union-Tribune "LA Leaders Defend Response to Rioting After Lakers Win"

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Associated Press "LAPD Officers Union Plans Demonstration During DNC"

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Associated Press "Mayor Blames Hoodlums for Melee..."

6/18/00:

Los Angeles Times "Orange County Takes Different Approach to Law Enforcement"

6/18/00:

Orlando Sentinel "Obituary for Daniel Posposil"

6/15/00:

Associated Press "Police Union Starts Billboard campaign to Boost Morale, Image"

6/12/00:

Geraldo Rivera Live (CNBC) "Police Reaction to Bruce Springsteen Song"

6/11/00:

Los Angeles Times "Behind the Bunker Mentality"

6/8/00:

Phoenix New Times "Drive to License Unregistered Immigrant Motorists..."

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Associated Press "Bush Questions Feds Second Guessing Local Police"

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Associated Press "Bill Prompted by LAPD Scandal Wins Assembly Approval"

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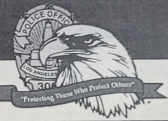
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VETERAN'S CORNER



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American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, #381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
6:30pm - Panorama City

Post #817
13553 Reedley Avenue
Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261

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160 N. Glendora Avenue
Covina, CA 91724
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June Meeting

On June 20, 2000, the Los Angeles Police Post #381 had their annual steak fry at the Police Academy. A good time was had by all. There were numerous door prizes. A Magnavox surround sound stereo system was won by visiting relatives of Art Zuhlke, with the Los Angeles Sheriff Star Post #309.

Welcome Recruit Class #6-2000

On June 5, 2000, J. J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the new police recruit class. There were nine with military service. They all joined Police

Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Christopher Almond (USA/USNG), Christopher Corwin (USAFR), Robert Ferrer (USN), Luis Garcia (USMC), Jason Leikam (USMC), Joseph Maddox (USAF), Joel Ruiz (USMC), Dennis Shaw (USAF/USNG), John Shin (USA/USNG).

State Convention

This year the American Legion State Convention was held in Fresno, from June 21st through June 25th. It was held in the convention pavilion at the Radisson Hotel. Governor Gray Davis (also a Legionnaire) honored us with a visit. Bruce Thiesen, "Past National Commander," presided at the installation of the officers for Post 381. The new officers for 2000/2001 are as follows: George Aguilar, Commander; Marty Chalupa, Junior Past Commander; William Zimmerman, 1st Vice Commander; Mark Gerin, 2nd Vice Commander; Robert Reeves, 3rd Vice Commander; J. J. Leonard, Sergeant at Arms; James Leiphardt, Assistant Sergeant at Arms; Frank Ortiz, Adjutant; Harold Yarnell, Jr., Finance Officer/Judge Advocate; Woodrow Baca, Historian.

Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted

prices to members of the American Legion. For information on benefits, visit www.legion.org.

Police Harassment

This is taken from a "Community Policing" question and answer session via e-mail forum in California.

The question is: I would like to know how it is possible for police officers to harass people and get away with it. And where can you go for help other than a civil attorney?

And the reply was: It is not easy. In California, we average one cop for every 2,000 people. About 60% of those cops are on patrol, where we do most of the harassing. One-fifth of that 60% are on duty at any moment and available for harassing people. So, one on-duty cop is responsible for harassing about 10,000 residents. When you toss in the commercial, business, and tourist locations that attract people from other areas, sometimes you have a situation where a single cop is responsible for harassing 20,000 or more people a day. A ten-hour shift runs 36,000 seconds. This gives a cop one second to harass a person, and three-fourths of a second to eat a donut AND find a new person to harass. This is not an easy task. Most cops are not up to it day in and day out. It is just too tiring. What we do is utilize some tools to help us narrow down who we harass. They are as follows: THE PHONE - People will call us up and point out things that cause us to focus on a person for special harassment. "My neighbor is beating his wife" is a code phrase we use. Then we come out and give special harassment. Another popular one on week nights is "The kids next door are having a party." CARS - We have special cops assigned to harass people who drive. Traffic cops. They like to harass the drivers of fast cars, cars blasting music, cars with expired registration tabs, and the like. It is lots of fun when you pick them out of traffic for nothing more obvious than running a red light. Sometimes you get to really hear the harassment on when you find they have

drugs in the car, are drunk, or have a warrant. RUNNERS - Some people take off running just at the sight of a police officer. Nothing is quite as satisfying as running after them like a beagle on the scent of a bunny. When you catch them you get to harass them for hours. CODES - When you can think of nothing else to do, there are books that give ideas for reasons to harass folks. They are called Codes. The Penal, Vehicle, Health and Safety, and Business and Professions code. They all spell out all sorts of things for which you can really mess with people. After you read the codes, you can just drive around for a while until you find someone in violation of one of these listed offenses and harass them. Just last week I saw a guy smash a car window. Well, the code says that is not allowed. That meant that I got to harass this guy. It is a pretty cool system that we have set up, and it works pretty well. I seem to have a never-ending supply of folks to harass. And we get away with it because the good citizens who pay the tab like that we keep the streets safe for them.

Next time you are in my city, give me a single finger wave. That is a signal that you wish for me to take a little closer look at you and maybe find a reason to harass you.

Looking forward to meeting you.

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is August 15, 2000. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00, with the meeting to follow. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location: The Panorama Post at 13553 Reedley St., Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271.

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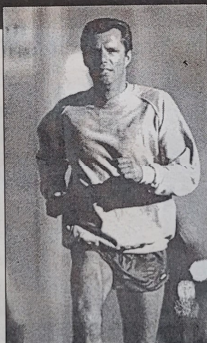
If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marty Chalupa, (818) 591-1024.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

This is my first day back from vacation so I'll try to stick to business here. If I begin drifting into stories about Disneyland and camping with my wife and kids, I'll try to catch myself.

Air Support had a dedication ceremony for the first of our new helicopters on June 30, 2000. The two new American Eurocopter AS350 B2s were welcomed into our fleet by our C/O Capt. Hale along with Chief Parks, several city council members, Air Support Division personnel and a representative from Mayor Riordan's office. These new ships will continue to replace our aging fleet as they come out of production. We

expect more deliveries in the fall and will keep you posted.

Last month **Jaime Marin** from 77th Division and **Jeff Marcure** from Training Division completed their loans as tactical flight officer candidates. Both officers rose to the occasion and returned this D.P. to begin the more intensive four-month training period. Great job, guys and keep up the good work. One more big hurdle and you'll both earn Air Support Division TFO wings.

This month is the annual ALEA (Airborne Law Enforcement Association) conference and this year the event will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 19-22. Tactical Flight Officers **Matt Jarosac**, **Jim Weigh**, **Butch Stowell**, and **Mike Rodriques**, "with a Q," will be attending. They are enrolled in a variety of courses in fields including Search and Rescue, Thermal Imaging, Airborne tactics and Aircrew resource management. We look forward to their return and provide training to the rest of the division and hope for a few action photos for next month's article.

ASD Tip of the Month

"Tracking"—This is a term developed when someone realized an air ship can't be "in pursuit." (As we all know,

according to the legal definition to be in pursuit, you have to be in a vehicle with a forward-burning red light.) Tracking is usually associated with us following a car until the black and whites arrive. There are circumstances when it can be used in other ways. If you are in pursuit and unable to safely continue, you can request we "track" for you. Depending on the terrain, we can track a suspect's progress for ground units allowing you to remain at a safe speed and distance until the suspect stops. Then we direct you to him. We can do this down low using the "night sun" or sometimes even up higher in a covert fashion depending on the circumstances. Three big considerations are the number of suspects and crime, environment, and the suspect's driving. 1) When five suspects run different directions, without a ground unit close we go for the driver first and everything else is gravy. That's great if it's a GTA, but if they just did a 211 or shooting, we want them all. 2) If we are in or near obstructions like high buildings, trees or apartment complexes, we need a ground unit close before this guy gets under or inside something. 3) The suspect's dangerous driving may continue when you pull out and you may wish to re-engage so the public has your

lights/siren to warn them the suspect is coming. It doesn't make sense to cancel a pursuit because the suspect is blowing mid-phase lights at 75 MPH with you in pursuit and not continue to warn the public somehow if he doesn't stop this pattern when you stop. (An ostrich buries his head in the sand, not LAPD.) We've had a few of these where ground units are ordered out and the suspect never slows down. We need to continue in some way to warn people this idiot is coming and we need support of our supervisors to do this. We are fortunate to have sergeants out there that understand this. Like any situation, evaluate what is happening, communicate and discuss options continually. Always do your best to follow our "guidelines" the best you can. Just remember the manual, special orders and all our training can't apply to every situation. I know we're "just P-2s" but sometimes common sense, some street sense, and a bit of creativity are what gets the job done with everyone safe. Just be prepared to explain your "good faith" actions and understand it doesn't always look like the textbook. We do the best we can, and that's all that should ever be expected.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

This last month we had several violent confrontations with 5150 suspect and two robbery suspects. The first occurrence is when Officers P-3 **Melanie Senneff**, #26404, and P-1 **Stephen Bell**, #35248, working 16A89, the "Rock" (Sunland/Tujunga) responded to a 415 family dispute. Once at the location, the officers observed a male white 5-8, 220 pounds in front of the residence punch his elderly mother in the face, causing her to fall to the ground. Officers, fearing for the safety of the elderly woman, confronted the suspect. The suspect was yelling and screaming at the officers. The suspect was possibly under the influence of unknown narcotics or was 5150. At this time the suspect charged the officers, striking Officer Bell in the upper body with his closed fist numerous times. Officer Senneff was able to pull the suspect away from her partner, Bell. The officers, using all the tools that were available to them, attempted to stop the suspect's violent attack on them. But there were negative results in stopping the suspect, due to the fact that the suspect was 5150. At this point the officers were able to put out a help call. The closest unit was 15 minutes away, which was a traffic unit and units at Foothill Station. That day, due to low deployment, these two officers are in top physical condition and were able to fight the suspect for an additional 15 minutes when the first unit

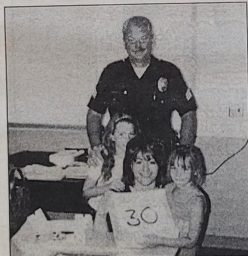
arrived. It took approximately eight to ten officers to take this suspect into custody. Officers **Senneff** and **Bell** had several minor injuries and were released that night from the hospital. These officers should be proud of their actions in protecting the community and overcoming the violent actions of this suspect. Great job from all of us at Foothill. We are all proud of your winning attitude.

The second confrontation involved Officer **Ratton**, #32818, working uniform school 1612 in the area of Sunland. A little history of this officer: While working patrol he always led the watch in felony and misd arrests, cites and radio calls. This officer was always involved with quality arrests. This officer was in the Sunland Park area when he heard a robbery broadcast of two male whites in a green Honda SUV who took the vehicle from the victim. At this point, Officer **Ratton** observed the described vehicle which was just in front of him. The officer broadcast his location and requested a back-up. At this time, the suspect stopped the vehicle. While Officer **Ratton** broadcast his code 6 location, one of the suspects exited the stolen vehicle and pointed a gun at the officer. The suspect proceeded to fire several rounds at the officer, striking the front windshield and hood of the police unit. The officer, fearing for his life, returned fire with his weapon. The suspect then fled in the green Honda SUV. All law enforcement agencies in the area responded to the help call at location. LASO responded and advised all units that suspects fit the description of the suspect involved in a robbery in the La Canada area. The suspect was driving a new Pontiac Firebird, which was located at the 210 Freeway and Sunland Blvd. All the surrounding divisions responded for assists. We would like to thank all officers from LASO, Glendale P.D., NHWD, Devonshire and West Valley for their help. Both suspects were arrested at Northridge Hospital, by Devonshire uniformed officers. Officer **Ratton** should

be commended for his courage and attention to duty for taking action in following the robbery suspects. Outstanding job to all officers involved in the capture of both of these suspects.

Leadership

I would like to congratulate Sgt. 1 **Stephen Cunningham**, #16029, for his 30 years of service to the police department and to all partners and all of the subordinates who worked for him. On his 30th anniversary (6/15/2000), his wife and daughters were at the mid-PM watch roll call to celebrate with a cake and ice



Sgt. Cunningham on his 30th Year Anniversary, 6/15/00.

cream with all of us. A leader is not taking a test or answering the right questions in an oral interview. Sgt. **Cunningham** has great common sense with experience and knowledge. He is a true leader. This sergeant leads by example, making quick and fast decisions and encouraging the officers under his command to do the same. Sgt. **Cunningham** is very proactive and he motivates his officers to promote and achieve high goals. We here at Foothill are grateful to have an outstanding leader to supervise patrol officers.

Sports

We had several officers that were involved in the 1st California Police and Fire Games in San Bernardino County. Officer **Pleunde**, #25063, was involved in the motocross events and finished third place in his class (Bronze medal). Sgt. **Phil Smith**, playing on the LAPD Blue softball team, beat the LAPD Red team 24 to 65 to place first place in the open division to win the gold medal. I was also involved in the bench press contest, winning the gold in my class. Our division co-eds team, the Rockers, placed sixth out of 20 teams. These officers played outstanding softball in eight games. I am very proud of all of these players: Officers **Paula Davidson**, **Diane Escalante**, **Siamone Bangphraxay**, **Melinda May** (HWD), **Mitchell Gomez** (VNYS), **Kate Elision Tebette** (VNYS), **Rolando Rodriguez**, **Jeff Lamonica**, **Darryl Davis** (VNYS), **Cesar Corona** (DEV), and **Robert Collier**. All these officers are commended for their teamwork and sportsmanship. Our next police games are in Nevada, August 22-27.

Special Goodbye

I don't want to say goodbye to Capt. III **Ron Seban**, but only say I will be seeing him soon. This captain had a no-nonsense type of leadership skills. He had an open-door policy. He was very approachable to talk to about any problem. He was honest, truthful, and objective with all employees. He started at the Foothill Area 7-11 store raising money for our holiday parties, picnics, open houses and all sports team entry fees. Capt. **Seban** cared about his employees and their morale by encouraging positive commendation for their outstanding police work and service to the community. Capt. **Seban**, you are going to be missed by all of us from the Foothill patrol officers to Area Detectives. Take care and we will see you soon.

More Divisional Reporter on next pages

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Officer Binnie M. Phan
Central Division

And the Players Played ...

They come from all walks of life, and they all play. They play it so well that sometimes we cannot even keep up. They are professionals. They are normal. And some of them even have families like you and I. But they all have one thing in common—they like to play. And they play it very well.

11:00 a.m., "Hi, Karen, is Sgt. Al Kilgore in?"

"Nope, he's not in yet. But he should be in any time now," replied **Karen Solomon**, Central's Vice Secretary, who's been and left And right hands for Central's Vice for over five years.

11:20 a.m., **Officer Eric Dirksen** walked into the office and placed his things in the locker, located at the far end of the office. He told me that **Officer Tim Lai** would be late, caught in heavy traffic. So we chatted about the roles of Central Vice and what the expectations are every day. Central Vice basically handles sever-

al major crime violations and some other misdemeanors as well. The major and common violations include: prostitution, gambling, lewd conduct, ticket scalping, and narcotic sells. Then **Officer Tim Lai** checked in and gave me further details about the language, the behavior, and the style of policing of Vice. It was a great introduction, and I simply did not know what the day would entail.

11:30 a.m., **Sgt. Al Kilgore** stepped in and apologized that he was late because he had some administrative paperwork to complete. He started roll call and discussed several vice issues with us. When he finished, Tim and Eric prepared their equipment for the field. **Sgt. Kilgore** then explained further in details that Central Vice is divided into two watches, Day Watch and PM Watch. Day Watch Vice begins at 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and continued by PM Vice from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Day Watch investigates lewd activity, pirate video, ABCs, and ticket scalping. PM Watch mainly targets prostitution, ticket scalping, bars, and some of Day Watch's activities. These types of investigations are known as 3.18 investigations, Vice Report, Form 3.18 (LAPD Manual, Volume 5-Clerical Operations 3.18, pg. 472, 1996). Vice conducts eight location checks per a 30-day period, which equals to two checks per week. **Sgt. Kilgore** elaborated on the importance of the three C's of vice, which are: 1) complaint; 2) commercial; 3) conspicuous. He clearly stated that a vice investigation stems from a complaint which is usually initiated by a citizen. The complaint then becomes a

commercialized activity, practiced by a large amount of participants. Then the activity turns into a conspicuous act, where it's visited by those who have heard about it through the grapevine. The only "C" that I thought of was, "Come" on, let's play.

12:30 p.m., **Tim, Eric, and Sgt. Kilgore** were the Day Watch Vice unit. **Tim, Eric, and I** had lunch at a Chinese restaurant. Then we pressed the start button, and the games began.

1:30 p.m., **Tim** told me that suspects in Vice were called "players" in Vice jargon. Vice has its own body language where communication is verbalized with hand signals and body signals. So, **Eric** walked in the theater first, followed by me, and then **Tim**. I felt so naked because I was not wearing my sandbrowne, nor did I have any backup. The radio was turned low, and the only communication I had was to maintain eye contact with **Eric** and **Tim**. Boy, I felt so uncomfortable. I guessed it's called the "sandbrowne syndrome." In less than five minutes, **Eric** spotted a player and followed him into the men's bathroom. **Tim** and I followed **Eric**, leaving enough room between us. Then **Eric** came out of the bathroom and up the stairs to the front lobby he went, following the player. Then in seconds, the player flashed twice at **Eric** in the lobby area. **Eric** signaled us for the "we have a crime" assistance, and then we responded and handcuffed the player into custody.

2:30 p.m., **Eric** and **Tim** booked the player and started their 3.18 report.

4:00 p.m., **PM Vice** rolled out to Griffith Park. And once again, the games began. **Sgt. John Ferguson, Officers Sergio Hernandez, Ralph Sanchez, Deon Joseph, and Carol Mitchell** consisted of the PM Unit, along with Officers

Marc Furniss and Sandra Infante in police uniform.

4:30 p.m., **Ralph** and I pretended to be a couple, and we followed and monitored **Sergio's** path. We continued to hike up the trails, deep into the bushes where I spotted numerous used condoms and used toilet papers hidden within the bushes. I felt so disgusted because **Ralph** told me that children who lived around the vicinity visit the park frequently. They pick up the used condoms, believing that they're just balloons and start blowing into them.

5:30 p.m., **Sergio** spotted three male players. **Sergio** saw them masturbating and playing among themselves out in the open public. **Sergio** signaled us for assistance. **Ralph** and I responded and arrested one of the players. We attempted to stop the second player, but he immediately darted into the bushes. The foot pursuit was on. I lost sight of **Ralph**. The search continued. Then **Carol** drove along the car path where I placed the player into the undercover vehicle.

6:30 p.m., Two more players were picked up. Now we were heading back to the station. As we passed the parking area, we spotted at least a dozen players, just waiting to be played or to play the game. I felt useless because we did not have enough manpower to continue the game. The game doesn't stop. It keeps going and going.

7:30 p.m., EOW for me.

And they continued to play.

Central Vice

Sgt. Al Kilgore and John Ferguson, Police Officers Sergio Hernandez, Ralph Sanchez, Eric Dirksen, Deon Joseph, Tim Lai, Carol Mitchell, Marc Furniss, and Sandra Infante.



by D. Ryan Swanson
Uniform Support Division

It's shaping up to be quite a summer, isn't it? What with the Lakers' victory celebration/parade/fiasco, contract negotiations and now the specter of DNC demonstrators taking over Pershing Square. Might as well grab some popcorn and watch the drama unfold.

My personal congratulations go out to former MSD Captain **Michel Moore**, who advised the Chief of Police last month there was merit to the League's argument for the Compressed Work Schedule. To those of you who have never worked CWS and really don't understand why it is such a League priority, I worked at Harbor and Wilshire Areas during the 3-12s test pilot program. Trust me, it is a very workable, very desirable idea that contributes to a healthier balance between job and fami-

ly life. What I really liked was that it allowed me a full day to prepare for the job, time I took to work on the uniform, polish boots, study the manual and review and organize my notes.

Officer Joanna Needham, perhaps the most fascinating individual at USD, took a Gold medal at the First Annual Police and Fire Olympics held June 26-30 in Ontario, CA. **Needham**, an original member of the television series, "American Gladiators," scored the top spot in the women's open Kumite Karate



SEU Officer **Joanna Needham** flexes for the camera.

(fighting). In years past, **Needham** has competed and medaled in numerous categories (including tennis!), but a busy schedule prevented that level of participation this year.

An 18-year Department veteran, **Needham** was the Department's first female motorcycle officer and retired in 1987 as a national and world champion in motorcycle racing. She received her black belt in Karate at age 14 and has been wrestling professionally for more than three years. She is trained in submission and pin wrestling, kick boxing,



SEU Officers **Mario Cruz** and **Joanna Needham** on the Queen Mary.

and conventional boxing and currently trains with the Brazilians in Jiu Jitsu.

Needham has developed an international following and receives fan mail from all over the world. In response to popular demand, she is in the process of establishing her own Web site. If you want to know more about **Joanna Needham** and her laundry list of accomplishments, go to joanna@joanna-needham.com.

Speaking of the Police and Fire Games, Bicycle Coordination Unit (BCU) Officer **Doug Wilson** bicycled away with three Gold medals and scored 8th place in the Motocross competition. BCU's **Bruce Christensen** brought home Silver and a Bronze medal and scored 4th and 5th place finishes in the bicycling categories.

Christensen and his wife, **Nancy**, recently participated in the annual Los Angeles County Multiple Sclerosis Bicycle Ride. The 150-mile trek took them from the city of Ontario to Palm Springs and raised \$4,700 through pledges, with all but \$1,500 of that contributed by fellow officers. The great thing about this event is that roughly 77 cents of every dollar is spent directly on

research. **Nancy Christensen** was diagnosed with the disease in November, 1999. **Bruce** wants me to convey his thanks to all who lent their support.

We have some new people to look about (and we will) at USD. After a lengthy search to fill the very large void left by **Maria Peppers**, SEU has taken on **Robert Neville** as the new administrative officer. He becomes the latest Harbor Alumni to join the ranks here: **Donna Tuk, Vance Bjorklund, Becky Benitez** and myself. **Neville** is an 11-year Department veteran who distinguished himself at Harbor's Career Criminal Unit. Management Assistant **Lisa Graham** joins us from Information and Communications Services as Captain **Scott Kroeber's** adjutant. Lt.-2 **Geoff Taylor** has transferred in from CTD to take over the spot vacated by Mr. Nice Guy **Gary Stromlund**, who is recovering nicely from back surgery.

If you're wondering what has become of **Jim Pasienski**, the most excellent Sergeant retired in May after 32 years on the job and has gone on to greener pastures (I'll say). He's the new executive director of security at Golden West College and he's loving it. The new job offers him more benefits than an 18-wheeler loaded with broccoli. Can't think of anybody more deserving. Sgt.-1 **Steve Cook** transferred over to take **Pasienski's** spot at Traffic Court Liaison Unit (TCLU).

It's time for motor orais again, and the folks at Specialized Enforcement Unit (SEU) were inundated with applications prior to the June 23, 2000, deadline. At final count, 192 officers were applying for motors, which offers an 11 percent riding bonus and a take-home vehicle. Orals are under way and the two-year list should be released on September 21, 2000. All of that sounds really good, but I talked with **Sgt. Doug Myers**, the OIC of SEU, and he advised me that only officers with a true interest in traffic enforcement (i.e., writing tickets) need apply.

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Out of the Great Southwest

by Ana Aguirre
Southwest Division

Southwest Division hasn't had an article for a while sooo, it's time to play catch up!

Congrats to the Graduates (and Their Broke Parents)

Capt. Chambers: Daughter, Tracy Chambers, B.S. in Sports Management from the University of Pacific.

Det. Kathryn Kanzaki (Sgt. Richard Kanzaki-Rampart Div.): Daughter, Elaine Kanzaki, Bach. Fine Arts in Filmic Writing from USC. Son, Gregory Kanzaki, graduates from Loyola High School.

Sgt. Joe Acosta: Daughter, Elizabeth Acosta, graduates from Providence High School, en route to USC.

PSR Debra Patterson: Daughter, Shontel Patterson, B.A. Liberal Arts from U.C. San Bernardino.

Lilkenynna Brown: Son, Gary Shaw, graduates Crenshaw High School.

Special Olympics Torch Run

Thank you to the participants in the Southwest Division portion of the torch run on June 13, 2000. Lt. D. McGil, Sgt. V. County, Sgt. Y. Caterino, Det. H. Hooshmand, Officers G. Beecher, N. Eisenman, J. Flores, and I. Garcia.

Commendation From Chief Parks

Congratulations to Sgt. V. County, Sgt. K. Feldtz, Officer P. Luevanos. Commended for their outstanding work in assisting at-risk youth from the community in preparing to run in the 2000 Los Angeles Marathon. Please note: All runners that participated in the Students Fun L.A. Program from the Southwest Area completed the Marathon.

The Stork Bites

It must be something in the water, we have so many people to congratulate!

Congratulations to Det. Lorenzo (wife Gode) Barbosa; daughter, Jacqueline Adriana Barbosa, born 6/5/00, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 inches.

To Officers Sandra and James (Hobb) Lopez; son, Cristian James Lopez, born 6/5/00, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, 20 inches.

To Officer Alex (wife Shenna) Salgado; son, Delano Manuel Salgado, born 5/24/00, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Just Another Day in the Life of a Bicycle Officer

On June 8, 2000, in the middle of the afternoon, Officers Eric Lee and Lawrence Henderson from the Southwest Bicycle Unit were conducting traffic enforcement at the intersection of Rodeo Road and Crenshaw Blvd. While in the area, Henderson glanced over his left shoulder and observed a black Mercedes coming down the driveway of a local business onto Rodeo Road. To most people this would probably not be unusual except for the minor fact that there was no driver in the car. As officers went running towards the car, Lee looked over at his partner as he yelled out and saw that the runaway car was picking up speed as it was crossing Rodeo Road. Henderson reached the driver's door and pulled it open in an attempt to step on the brake. In the meantime, Lee jumped off of his bike and ran to the front of the car and tried to slow the vehicle down. The weight of the car pushed Lee further across Rodeo Road (Did he think he was Superman?) where people were waiting in their cars for the light to change. This must have looked like some kind of cartoon as Lee yelled out to Henderson, "Stop the car." Henderson was vigorously trying to enter the car to step on the brake. Finally getting the door open, Henderson saw that the driver must have been of a much shorter stature because the driver's seat was practically resting against the steering wheel. Henderson wedged himself into the driver's seat but was so cramped up in the seat that he was unable to step on the brake pedal. After what seemed an eternity to Lee, Henderson was finally able to step on the brake and stop the car. Lee turned to hear a woman who was stopped in her car awaiting the light say, "Thank you." Lee and the front of the runaway vehicle were only about two feet away from hitting her car.

As if this was not enough, the woman who owned the Mercedes came out of the business and saw her car in the middle of Rodeo Road. The funny thing was that she calmly walked over to the officers and asked, "Did my car hit anything?" Henderson replied with a smile, "No, ma'am, we were able to stop it." The woman then walked past Henderson

(who was prying himself out of the driver's seat), got into her car, and without saying another word, drove away. Just another day in the life of a Bike Officer.

Comings and Goings

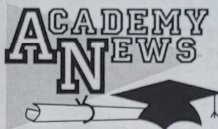
Congratulations to the following personnel for their recent promotions: SLO Cryer to Sergeant en route to Rampart; Officer D. Aguirre (P-2) to P-3 here at Southwest Division; Officer R. Rodriguez (P-1) to P-2 en route to Pacific. Good luck to all in your new positions!

Good luck to Det. Wright going to FCD, SLO R. Harrell to Air Support,

Officer Batres to 77th, Officer L. Garcia to DARE Division, Officer C. Gomez to Rampart, Officer H. Adams to STD.

Welcome to Sgt. B. Marrufo from Rampart, Sgt. F. Miller (HARB), Officer O. Surles (Southeast), Officer W. Rayford (Wilshire), Officer C. Bulicz (77th), Officer Khalfani (Southeast), M. Gramillo (Academy).

We would also like to extend best wishes to our two most recent retirees, Det. Ill Jeff Foss and Det. Jeff Carnival. Best of luck and ENJOY! ❖



by David Koeh
Training Division

Captain Wemmer's 30th Year in the LAPD

Capt. Richard Wemmer, Commanding Officer, Training Division (TD), celebrated his 30th year in the LAPD with staff members and instructors from TD. Everyone celebrated by consuming cake and various food items. Capt. Wemmer stated that he is very proud to be a member of this Department and will continue to provide the best service that he can for the citizens of Los Angeles. Congratulations, Capt. Wemmer!!

Bench Press Competition

On June 9, 2000, TD staff participated in the Bench Press Competition at Elysian Park. Officer Jim Stepan (Firearms Training Unit) won 1st place in his category. Officer Cid Cabriaes (FTU) won 1st place in his category. Sgt. Mike

Sayre (FTU/Elysian Park) won 3rd place in his category. And Officers Gerald Bush and Bob Organ (Emergency Vehicle Training Unit) achieved medals. Officer Bush won 4th place in his category, while Officer Organ won 2nd place in his category. Congratulations for your outstanding performances!!

Promotions and Transfers

Officers Bruce Barrios, Debby Dresser, and Mike Paturzo promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Barrios transferred to Wilshire Division. Sgt. Dresser transferred to Devonshire Division. Sgt. Paturzo transferred to Van Nuys. Officer Theresa Stanford promoted to the rank of detective and transferred to Juvenile Division. Congratulations to all of you!

Lt. Olvera transferred from Pacific Division to Training Division. Sgt. Natalie Doster transferred from Van Nuys Division to Training Division. Officer Robert Saito transferred to 77th Division. Officers Marcure (77th Division), Forest (Harbor Division), Kehr (North Hollywood Division), Morrison (Rampart Division), Mason (Southeast Division), Weiler (West Valley Division), and Willingham (West Los Angeles Division) transferred to our Division. Welcome!! ❖

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by David Dooros
Narcotics Division

Well, as I am writing this article, our contract is being voted on. I hope that everyone was able to cast his or her vote. Remember, if you didn't vote, ya can't complain.

Awards

The first-ever Narcotics Division Employee of the Quarter was announced recently and D-3 **Keith Lewis** was selected. The award covered the spring quarter of the new millennium and begins what should be an ongoing quarterly award. Keith is a supervisor of one of the Major Violator squads and was honored with the award for his supervisory and investigative performance. On a personal level, Keith is friendly, easy going, and well liked in the division. Congratulations, Keith, and thanks for all the hard work and dedication.

Sports

The Narcotics Division softball team placed third in the Red Davis Softball Tournament. Congratulations go out to Capt. **Lopez** and our team.

The 2000 Police and Fire Games we held at the end of June and Narcotics Division was well represented. Some of those that participated were: Lt. **Stan Embry** (MVS/Basketball), Officers **Joe Chavez** and **Darlene Shelly** (NAU/Softball-Silver Medal), D-1 **Keith Honore** (LA Impact/Basketball), D-3 **Steve Miller** (LA Impact/Gold), D-3 **Vic Comparetto** (N/E FES/Softball), D-1 **Steve Smith** (Lax/Softball-Silver Medal and Volleyball-Silver Medal), D-2 **Joe Meyers** (Lax/Softball-Silver Medal), Officer **Charles Geiger** (MVS/Softball-Silver Medal), D-1 **Brian Agnew** (MVS/Softball), Officer **Dante Palacio** (Hollenbeck FES /Softball-Silver Medal), D-2 **Anthony Manente** (Foothill FES/Softball-Silver Medal), Officer **Steve Russell** (W/B Buy/Softball-Silver Medal), D-1 **Helen Papietro** (Rampart FES/PPC and Biathlon-Silver Medal), and D-2 **Debbie Lopez** (softball). In one of the duty related competitions, Officer **Mona Romas** (K-9) and her four-footed partner, Eddie, took the gold medal in the vehicle search competition and the silver medal for the overall Narcotic Detection K-9 competition which included vehicle, building, and luggage searches. Congratulations to you all.

I apologize to those that participated but are not mentioned here. You deserve recognition. I tried to contact each squad but wasn't able to do so. I'm sure someone was probably left out, but I assure you it was not done on purpose.

Capers

When patrol found a brick of marijuana after responding to a report of a home invasion robbery in progress, Southwest FES was called and went to work. During the investigation that followed, a search warrant was written and served by a combined effort of both Southwest and 77th FES squads. The total amount of marijuana recovered was over 2,000 pounds. This is a great example of how patrol and narcotics can work together. Good job.

Ins and Outs

Narcotics Division would like to welcome D-II **Patrick Butler** (West Valley FES) and P-2s **Robert Dearmon** (SSU/TD), **Jaime Martinez** (Van Nuys FES), and **Anthony Drake** (North Hollywood FES).

Narcotics Division is not losing anyone to the transfer this month but retirement is taking a toll. Those pulling the pin after years of service are: D-2s **Ron Flaming** (Valley Buy Team), **Marco Tenorio** (Major Violator), **Mike Carter** (CD), and **Jim Gillespie** (Lax Detail); D-1 **Arnie Rios** (HIDTA); and P-3s **Brent Ferguson** (Major Violator/CD) and **Thomas Hall** (Major Violator/AFID). You will all be missed.

Narcotics Division also loses P-3 **Tim Schilling** (Harbor FES) who is leaving for greener pastures. Tim has been hired by Irvine P.D. Good luck at your new department, Tim.

I guess the Chief was wrong: People do leave for better wages, better morale, better working conditions, and that other thing called COMPRESSED WORK SCHEDULE. . . Go figure.

Stork Report

There have been no sightings lately that I know of. If you know of any, let me know.

Announcements

Detectives Wanted: Narcotics Division is looking for a few good men and women to join the team. No experience is necessary. If you're already a D-I or on the list and would like to be considered for a Narcotics assignment, contact Sgt. **Bob Clark**, ND at (213) 485-4504.

I am looking for stories and subjects that YOU, Narcotics as a division, would like mentioned in the *Blue Line*. I can be reached at the Narcotics K-9 office. This is YOUR divisional reporter. I just hit the keyboard keys. Give me a call or drop by and let me know.

Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Hello again, and all that stuff. Without further ado, here's what happened at Wilshire during the past month or so.

Officer **C. Martin** is proof that you can assign a street cop to the CRO Unit, but the observation skills in him or her will surface at just the right time. On this particular occasion, Officer Martin was driving in a high narco activity area (Washington Blvd./Redondo Blvd.). He happened to see some of the locals loitering and engaging in what appeared to be drug-related activity around a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle decided she didn't want to be observed further and drove away from the area, making it obvious she was trying to avoid Officer Martin's attempts to read her license plate. Despite her efforts, Officer Martin ran the plate which came back "C-6 Charles."

Long story short, the resulting felony stop revealed the driver to be the girlfriend of the suspect wanted in a double homicide in SW Division. And, after she gave up her boyfriend's location, officers found not only the 187PC suspect but another felony suspect, wanted for a number of armed 211s. As Officer Martin will attest, observation skills are some of the best tools officers have in their arsenal. And as far as the crooks are concerned, the old saying (paraphrased) is true: "Birds of a feather kick it together." Or, "Where there's one, there's more."

In a different twist, Officers on early days showed why *Academy Training* (EVOC) separates the qualified drivers from the wannabes. In this case, Officers **T. Escalera** and **T. Luna** were working patrol and saw a vehicle with no front plate. Additionally, the music emitting from the vehicle was louder than it should have been. So these conscientious officers opted to contact the driver, or so they thought. The driver/suspect had other plans and rather than pull over decided to run. And you can guess the rest.

A pursuit ensued for approximately seven miles which was the more intense because it occurred in rush hour traffic. Incredibly, no PED or any other vehicle was struck by the driver, even though his actions threatened plenty of both. After leading officers through wrong way traffic, red lights, and high speeds, the lad's luck ran out. He missed the apex (remember that?) due to improper road position (remember that?) and collided with a power pole. Because of the huge "owie" sustained by the impact to his vehicle, the suspect had no choice but to

flee on foot and attempt to appropriate (carjack) someone else's vehicle. When that failed, he ran some more until he couldn't, and voluntarily assumed a felony prone position. After taking him into custody, Officers determined the driver was a "third strike" parolee who, in addition to not being able to drive, had in his possession a stolen loaded gun and some dope. Sounds like a parole violation to me. Anyways, a "job well done" to all officers involved!

Moving on to matters of administration, Wilshire Division has undergone some changes at the top. Captain **D. Powers**, who was the C.O. for approximately three years, retired in mid-June, after serving a total of 28 years with LAPD. On a personal note, I appreciated the captain allowing me to work the Wilshire "hype car" until it was disbanded. All of us at Wilshire wish Capt. Powers our very best in his retirement. The retirement party is scheduled for August 25th. Call Wilshire Area office for details.

Captain **K. Albanese** has since assumed command at Wilshire, having come over from Juv Division. All of us here extend him a hearty "welcome!"

Also, Wilshire would like to welcome Lt. **S. Ludwig** to the Detective Bureau. He replaces Lt. **R. Moen** who retired recently. This is the lieutenant's fourth tour at Wilshire. In 1980, he worked an "x" and "z" car with current Wilshire Division (D-3) Officer **D. Martin**. Back in the day, they were known as "the dogs of war." In 1982-85, Ludwig returned to work Detectives with some of the current Wilshire Detective legends like: **F. Bolan**, **L. Slack**, **J. McCarley**, **R. Futami**, **R. Elliott**, and **D. Reeser**. In 1987, there was a stint as a patrol sergeant, and this year the lieutenant states, "It's good to be back and recognize so many faces, mature and new, from (my) tour at Training Division." The lieutenant has been married almost 23 years and has two grown children.

Referring back to one of the detective legends (D-III) **R. Futami** is retiring in July after 25-1/2 years with LAPD, of which were spent working at a D-III. Det. Futami was truly one of the old-time masters of his profession. In addition to being extremely knowledgeable, his quiet demeanor, his calm professionalism and his willingness to assist others were some of his trademarks. We'll miss you, Sir.

Also leaving Wilshire is a quality (P-2) officer, **A. Kelliher**. After making a lasting impression as an outstanding LAPD copper, he is off to Chino P.D. to show how good he is. Stay safe, Sir, and please make sure you call.

On a final note, here's a "get well soon" message to Wilshire Division custodian, **Willie Phillips**. As of this writing, he is still in the hospital with a respiratory ailment. Get better, Willie; we miss you.

That's all for now. See everybody next month!

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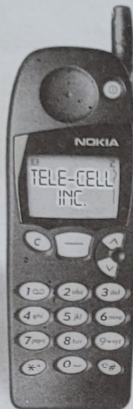
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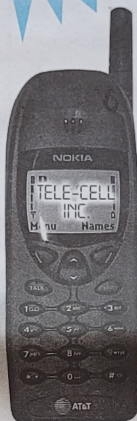


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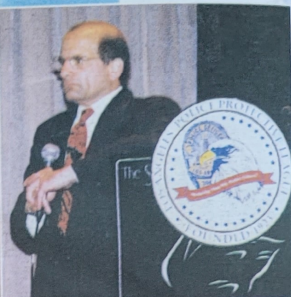
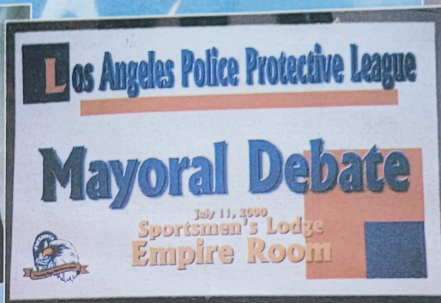
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Surrounded by the candidates, Jim Hahn fields a question from the panel.



Panelist Bill Boyarsky, L.A. Times



Panelist Alexa Haussler, L.A. Daily News (left) looks on as panelist Rosa Maria Villalpando, KMEX, poses a question to the candidates.



League Director Cliff Ruff with candidate Joel Wachs.



The panelists (from left): Bill Boyarsky, L.A. Times; Chris Ford, Daily Journal; Alexa Haussler, Daily News; Rosa Maria Villalpando, KMEX.



League Delegate Jody Gryder times each candidate's response.



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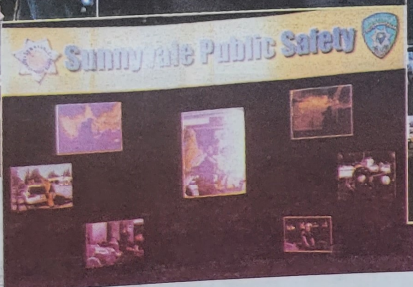
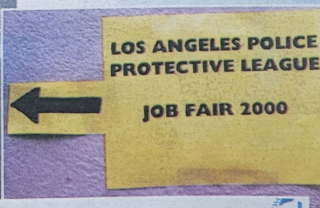
Delegates in Training Session.



President Ted Hunt and Director Tim Sands congratulate Gary Macnamara, one of two Outstanding Delegate Award recipients. Delegate Mike Ventura was the other Outstanding Delegate for 1999 (not pictured)

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

We are the Champions AGAIN!!!

No, we are not talking about the Lakers. We're talking about the awesome weightlifting team of 77th Street, AKA "Paul von Lutzow's Power Pigs." On June 9th we showed up hoping to take this championship title into the 21st century for 77th Street. But so did Southeast and Pacific. Heck, even Lt. J.



Officer Rick Robledo, Ara Hollenback, and Brad Hearn proudly posing with their catch of the day while vacationing in Mexico.

J. May from Southeast lifted for his team. The pressure was on since we have held this title the longest in Departmental history. But in the end we pulled it out and took home the trophy once again! Congratulations to all of you who participated in this event! Maybe after the Lakers get done paying for the cars we lost, they can donate to our Divisional P.A.L. program and assist us in being the example to the youth when it comes to competition in sports.

A Blast to the Past ...

That is how things are going on in 77th Street these days. We are down on deployment and are lucky to get out seven cars on the P.M. watch (we usually have at least 14). All of our sister divisions can share in our dilemma because they are spending a lot of time in 77th Street. We appreciate all of your assistance these days, especially when we are trying to set up perimeters, crime scenes and once in a while need that important back-up assistance or help! We know you've been there, especially when we pull up that incident history, and sometimes we forget to thank you. So right here and now, we want to thank you for your integrity to your brothers and sisters at 77th Street.

To Train, and Then Deploy ...

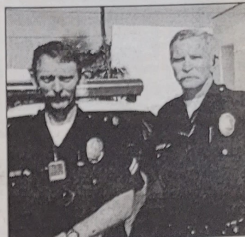
Our P.M. watch experienced some practical MFF application on the night the

Lakers won the championship. The crowds that were dispersed from downtown somehow found their way on to Crenshaw Blvd., but then that was no surprise. Crenshaw is famous for its cruisers, and so we knew they would be coming. With the tactical alert in place, we stood by for deployment. An assistance call to Slauson and Crenshaw allowed us to deploy in mobile field fashion and while en route it was observed that there was a major 415 crowd (200+) at the intersection of Florence and Crenshaw. There were fires being set in business's trash cans, people standing on cars and bus stands, and if that wasn't enough, we had received word of a possible homicide victim from that location at Centinela Hospital. Communication with the officers at Slauson and Crenshaw ascertained a Code 4. The decision was made to re-deploy at Florence. Officers quickly deployed at the intersection and displayed true LAPD professionalism, tactics and teamwork. The intersection was cleared, there were no businesses destroyed, and the victim of the shooting became a Southwest occurrence. Business owners at this intersection were extremely appreciative of the officers of 77th that night, for they honestly felt that their businesses were going to be destroyed. I guess they were watching the news too!

Fifteen Years in the Making ...

Officer Cliff Lloyd and Officer Roger Gaylord are probably one of the most famous footbeat officers in 77th Street. They are to the best of our knowledge two officers who have been partners for the longest period of time while deployed at 77th Street. At times

they have been reassigned from their footbeat duties to assist in patrol deployment, but for one reason or another the big picture comes into play and it is once again understood that we need officers like Cliff and Roger working a footbeat and maintaining that



Officer Roger Gaylord and Officer Cliff Lloyd—
"77th Street Footbeat Legends."

important relationship with the business owners in 77th Street. That is something that patrol officers do not have time to do on a regular basis, so it is a great thing to have these two around. And get this—they love it! Kudos to the two of you, and many more years of working together as "the famous footbeat in 77th Street."

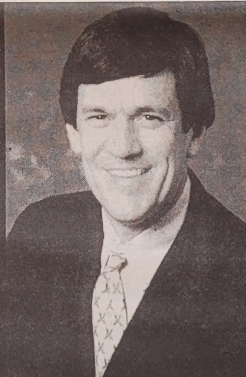
The Democrats are in town and so are many others. The tasks ahead are many, but never forget who we are. My parents taught us early on that "no one comes into our house and pushes us around." It is our obligation to do the right thing for the community in this City of Angels. The rest is in God's hands!

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by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

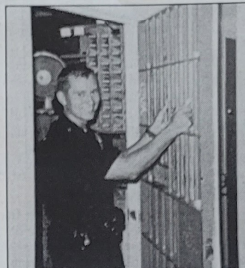
The "Harry Andrews Shop" officially closed its doors on June 16, 2000, as Harry packed up his detective desk and decided to retire after almost 33 years with the department. Det. Andrews, who said, "The cup is always half full," thinks that he was most proud of the fact that he had not become callous or developed the "bunker-us-against-them" mentality. Harry still loves people and thinks a person's freedom is second only to life itself. He was occasionally found fighting to hang on to the half full cup and not slip into the darkness of the half

empty, but said he would not allow it to happen. "Maybe it's something in the air..." Det. Andrews said that for him it was time to explore new horizons, including lots of golf and volunteer work in the area of youth counseling. Describing no specifics, he claimed he would be happy and believed it's a better place because he passed through here. Harry Andrews—the man... the hat... the legend.

The WLA wrestling fans are "wrestless." According to Officer "Ferret" Ferrouillet, there is, "a whole nation of us." "... a contingency," said Karen Shehorn of Karen's Korner, the WLA wrestlers fan club. Although they haven't been to a live show recently, they can be ready and willing to go at the drop of a hat.

A funny thing happened on the way to the kit room recently on A.M. watch. Officer Case accidentally locked himself inside the kit room while conducting the daily inventory. Case turned on one of the many radios he had at his disposal and called for help. Lt. Sargent, Sgt. Lafko, and the

desk crew from AM watch all came to his rescue and reminded Officer Case of the difference between the "kit room" and the "cot room." A good laugh was had by all! Yeah, I guess so. It's not every day you get an opportunity like that.



No, Case, that is NOT the Cot Room... It's the Kit Room.

It is now August in the city of the angels and the LAPD has been gearing up and planning for the DNC—the Democratic National Convention! Hopefully, peace will persist with perhaps only a mild show of protest here



Hinman, Mojarro and Sgt. Nick Barbara—some of WLA's baseball team.

and there. However, if things go south, so much practice and training have gone into the event that potential rioters and troublemakers will have far more than they bargained for. That, and a visit to the Gray Bar Hotel.

Once the DNC has packed up and left town, West L.A. officers, civilians and friends will be able to turn their attention to the beach party on September 10th. There they should be able to unwind and partake of the now famous barbecue as well as drinks, dessert and prizes. Don't forget your sunscreen. Hey, Ewert, "Surf's up!"

RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide

Commendable Incident

Memorial Day weekend was anything but a vacation for the men and women of RHD. One tragic incident involved the senseless murder of 18-year-old Lori Gonzalez, the granddaughter of Chief Parks. On the evening of Sunday, May 28th, at approximately 2215 hours in Southwest Area, Lori Gonzalez and a male passenger were driving out of a restaurant parking lot when an armed suspect approached the right front passenger window. This ruthless individual pointed a handgun at the male passenger. As the suspect pulled the trigger the passenger ducked. The suspect fired numerous rounds mortally wounding Lori Gonzalez. This coward then ran off into the night.

Based on the circumstances of this crime and the fact that this was going to be national news, RHD detectives responded to the scene. Southwest Area patrol officers and detectives began the initial crime scene investigation. Based on information obtained during the preliminary investigation, RHD requested the assistance of the following officers to assist in identifying and capturing this killer. Sgt. Robin Brown, Det. Steve Lemmer, Officers Chris Wren, Tim Pearce, Kristina Ripatti, and Chris Luna (all from Southwest Area), along with Foothill Area Sergeant Eric Mosher were loaned to RHD. Based on the thorough follow-up investigation, the detectives identified the shooter as Samuel Shabazz. A warrant was then obtained for the arrest of this fine citizen of Los Angeles.

On the night of June 6th, Southwest Area Patrol Officers Nicole Legaspi, #31891, and Manfred Merckens, Jr., #31915, working unit 3A1 observed some individuals sucking down cold ones in public. The officers detained these individuals to issue them RFCs.

The officers ran the suspects for wants and warrants and discovered that they had the suspect of the 187. The officers took Shabazz into custody without incident. We at RHD would like to commend the fine officers and detectives that assisted in this investigation. Without their fine work, professionalism and keen observation skills, this suspect would probably still be running around causing havoc.

RHD Family Business

Well, we did it! The first ever RHD picnic was a huge success. Two hundred eighteen family and friends showed up for the fun in the sun. We want to thank all that helped us including Armored Transport (especially Mr. John Cassotta), BofA, 7-Eleven, Black Mountain Shooting/Tactics Training Center, and RHD Station Fund and the Cowboy Chef Layne Wooten for their donations to our raffle. We also want to thank our friends from ASD, K-9, Central Motors and Patrol as well as the Historic Society for showing up and entertaining us. It was great to see all of you there. We are in the process of developing the group photograph and hope to mail all that participated a photograph in the near future. Based on all the positive feedback, we will plan on having a second steak fry next summer and I'm hoping to double the attendance.

RHD Athletics

Yes, it's true. We do have individuals in the division that do more than eat donuts, drink coffee and sit around waiting for the big one. RHD entered two teams to

represent us at this year's Memorial Run. Congratulations to our roadrunners, Marlow, Haro, Knotts, Kwock and Vidal, who blew away the competition in the Seniors Division and ran/walked away with the first place trophy. In addition, detectives Brascia, Correa, Matthews, Koman, along with Lt. McCarthy, took the third place trophy in the Masters Division. Nice job.

Arrivals, Promotions and Departures

We have another addition to our happy family. D-1 Maria Tones, #25303, Rampart Area, will join Rape Specials. Welcome aboard and keep that pager close by.

Congratulations to LAPD's newest captain, Al Michelena. Capt. Michelena will be assigned to Hollenbeck Area. Enjoy your new assignment and try to stay away from all that good food.

RHD is saying farewell to D-III Dave Martin, #20922, who is moving across the street to the Public Defenders office after serving the public as a member of LAPD for 25 years. Dave's retirement dinner was held in July.



Looking good—RHD Divisional Inspection.

We are also saying goodbye to D-III Ron Harper, #17378, after 28-1/2 years of dedicated service. Ron will be having a retirement luncheon on Friday, August 11th at Stevens Steak House. The fun begins at 1130 hours. Contact Det. Soler at (213) 485-2531 for info.



The Three Amigos—Pietrantonio, Brascia and Moberly.

I would personally like to wish a happy and long retirement to Lt. II Kenneth Lady, #15656. Lt. Lady was assigned to RHD from 1991 to 1998 then transferred to OCVID where he culminated his career after 30 years of service to the city. While at RHD he served as the OIC of the Bank Squad, Homicide Specials and OIS. His most important contribution, at least to me, was when he selected me to transfer into the division and work in the Bank Squad. I personally think it was a great choice. (Ha ha.)

Well, that about does it for this month. I hope you're all having a great summer. Until next time, BE SAFE.



Sydney Summer Games watch out—RHD Runners (L-R) Brascia, Marlow, Correa, Kwock & Koman at the Memorial Run.

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings sports fans! Here is the unofficial 114 summer 2000 pre-DNC sports edition with a few snippets of current events thrown in.

Incoming

Welcome to Sgt. **II Paul Smith** from Foothill. My intel source advises that our newest supervisor will be knee-deep in MOS paperwork standing by for a field platoon assignment.

Up/Out

Adios to **Andy Garcia** (B pltn). It appears all the loans Andy was tasked with while in Metro have paid off. He is being promoted to sergeant and moving out west, West Valley that is. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Up and Over

Congratulations to **Dan Sanchez**. The former B-teamer has made a new home over in the 41-54 club. It's about time! With Dan's appointment the current list

of D Team selectees is exhausted. You know what that means! Ooooooh.

Maternity Ward

Congratulations to the **Thompson family**. **Dan** (B-team) is the proud papa of a new baby girl. Erin Nicole entered the real world on April 20th weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 21-1/2 inches long. Momma, Teri, is doing just fine. Big sister, Taylor, is working on the adjustment.

Mike Piesik (A-pltn) and wife, Velia, are celebrating the birth of their son, Michael Edward II, born May 14th. Mike the II weighed in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Going to the Chapel... Soon

Congratulations to **Mike Glenn** of A pltn on his engagement to **Tina Getheral** (Central). If the name Getheral rings a bell, it should. Tina is the daughter of retired RHD detective, **Joe Getheral**, and sister of Notre Dame QB **Joey Getheral**. Joey and his dad, Joe, paid a visit to Fort Davis recently and made a stop at 114 and said hello. I tried in vain to locate Rick Massa. Oooh well! Best wishes to Mike and Tina, no doubt two of the nicest folks I've ever met.

Get Well Soon

Wishing a light speed recovery to **Steve Beidle**, Chris "W.T." Rowles, **Rich Ludwig**, **Tom Chinappi**, and **Terry Ruppel**. All are in recovery room following various surgical procedures.

Okay, Now the Sports!

Metro continued the fierce Baker to Vegas challenge again in April entering the race again with two outstanding teams: Metro Red and Metro Blue. Both 114 contenders placed within the top 10 in the open category. Metro Red, finishing in 2nd place, completed the race with our best time yet, 13 hours, 8 minutes, and 51 seconds! Running on this dynamic team guided by Captain **Joe McWilliams** were **Ronnie Daniels**, **Mark Akiyoshi**, **Al Lopez**, **Joe Martinez**, **Andy Hudlett**, **Keith Provin**, **Ivan Ramos**, **Lee McMillion**, **Rick Massa**, **Steve Gordon**, **Marc Rubio**, **Lou Reyes**, **Gary Koba**, **Tim McCarthy**, **Rob Cottle**, **Chuck Buttitta**, **Tony Samuelson**, **Matt Bennyworth** and **Doug Dingman**. Alternate runners were **Tony Trusk**, **Chris Reckleff** and **Dan Thompson**. The outstanding support crew of **Pat Shannon** (captain), **Chief Dinse** and wife **Yvonne**, **R-Commander Rodger Coombs**, **Patrick Martin**, follow vehicle drivers **Andy Rea** and **George Lopez**, **Ernie Jones** and wife, **Katja**, and the talented trainers, **Valerie Sinkus** and **Chris Cardoza**, from the Professional Physical Therapy group in Whittier remained with the team cheered them from start to finish. Metro Blue finished. Team Captain **Jimmie Barlow** and crew **Ossie Crenshaw**, **Steve Weaver**, **Dan Thompson**, **Rich Rakitis**, **Mark Nee**, **Bob Donaldson**, **Rob Valdez**, **Rick Anzaldo**, **Joe Rupert**, **Donnie Anderson, Jr.**, **Mike Piesik**, **Bruce**

Adam, **Ed Prokop**, **John Buckley**, **Pat McCarty**, **Dan Sanchez**, **Dennis O'Sullivan**, **Ralph Ward** and **Chris Soldo**. Alternates included **Auston Price**, **Ray Nonora** and **Chris Amador**. Metro Blue support effort included **Ben Lopez**, **Kelli Shurian**, **Joe Delorenzo**, **Jim Lewis**, **Greg Houser**, **Sam Booker**, **Russ Vincent**, **Greg Gonzales**, **Juan Reyes** and **Al Mendoza**. Both of our successful teams ran in honor of our fallen comrade, **Louis Villalobos**. The team baton was colorfully embellished with Lou's name, serial number, and the hallmark Metro Man. Commemorative tee shirts were also worn by all runners designed by **Mark Akiyoshi**. Joining in the salute to Lou's memory were our comrades at SEB who donned attire with a commemorative insignia in his honor. Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding effort.

Memorial Run 2000

Over the years Metro has consistently fielded larger than average teams for the annual dedication. The 2nd Event was no exception. Metro again received the Perpetual Trophy. Nearly all platoons, A, B, C, D, E, G, K9 and MOS personnel participated with almost 100% involvement in honor of **Louie**. Anchored by **Steve Stear**, D team completed their PFQ run carrying the Commemorative Team Baton from Baker to Vegas. Metro also won the Open Category and the Senior Category.

'Til next time, R-10 girl, clear.

West Valley Division The Wild* Wild West

by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

West Valley Sports Page

Congratulations to our WVAL softball team. Our valiant warriors entered the Red Davis Tournament with an undefeated record and every team in the tournament gunning for them. Unfortunately, lady luck was not in the "Red and Black's" corner. WVAL's squad was eliminated in five very hard fought, close games (3-2 final tournament record). All of us at WVAL congratulate our softball squad's efforts this past season. They will be back next season, to reclaim our trophy from Hollywood's championship team.

Wedding Bells

On May 13, 2000, at 1100 hours, WVAL's "confirmed bachelor," **P-3 Todd Booth**, married **Elena Galla**. Todd and Elena's wedding was a beautiful outdoor affair, held at the Bel Aire Bay Club in Malibu. **P-2s Dave Yep** and **Bob Seiger** made sure that Todd was at scene and on time. Mr. and Mrs. Booth honeymooned in Tahiti, before returning to the real world. Everyone at WVAL wishes Todd and Elena a long and happy life together. Todd's "black book" was recently seen on e-bay. The final bid was \$2,57, but the reserve was not met.

Up, Up and Away

A big WVAL congrats to all of our guys climbing the ladder of success. Det-1 **R. Phan** is now a D-2 back in WVAL Dets. **P-3 M. Zaboski** and **S. Gottschalk** can now be called "Sarg." Just remember us out in the trenches as you guys write out all of those projects. **P-2s S. Kuranishi** and **C. Hall** are our newest P-3 training officers and are neck deep in P-1 ratings, while **P-3 V. Salguero** is now a full time Vice copper at OCVD.

Waving Goodbye

All of us at WVAL say a sad goodbye to all of our brother and sister officers moving on. Sgt-1s **M. Zaboski** (WLA), **S. Gottschalk** (PAC), and **R. Courtland** (VNYS), **R. Lozano** (Jail Div), **P-3 V. Salguero** (OCVD), **P-2s J. Herrera** (DARE), **G. Leonard** (NHWD), **E. Damiano** (TBD), **M. Armstead** (WLA), **J. Dohlen** (SW), **J. Weiler** (TD), **M. Kilpatrick** (VTD-motors), **A. Drake**

(Narco Div), **E. Ayala**, **R. Martinez** (NHWD), **D. Guiterman**, **J. Baker**, **R. Barron**, and **D. Sullivan** (PAC), and finally **C. Figueira** (WIL). Good luck to all of you.

A special goodbye goes out to **P-3 Roy Brown** and **P-2 Carlos Martinez**. Santa Monica P.D. recently hired Roy Brown, and Carlos Martinez went back home to the Bay Area to work for his hometown P.D. We all wish Roy and Carlos a long and prosperous career in their new departments. They will no doubt be less stressed due to the compressed work schedules (i.e., 3/12s) that they will be working. Good luck, guys!!

The Welcome Mat

Everyone at WVAL gives a big welcome to Det-2 **G. Demirjian** (VNYS), Det-1s **M. Brausam** (FCD), **J. Ray** (ND), and **L. Burcher** (NHWD). Sgt-

1s **K. Gordon** (77th), **J. Munoz** (RAMP), **A. Garcia** (Metro), and **T. Connam** (PAC), **P-3s D. Costi** (DEV), **R. Trulik** and **M. Sharrar** (VNYS), **R. Jewett** (NEWT), **P. McLaughlin**, **A. Doyen** and **D. Woolsey** (HWD). Our lone new P-2 **Hopkins** (SE), and finally our P-1s fresh from the academy, **S. Briggs**, **R. Erives**, **K. McElroy**, **J. Rodriguez**, **B. Herrera**, **J. Matassa**, **M. Perez**, and **M. Taylor**. All of you FTOs had better sharpen those pencils. Here they come. I was keeping a running total of how many P-2s we were down. I lost count! Just too many missing bodies and too little T/Os available.

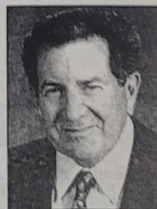
Well, that's it for this issue. Remember to stay safe out there on the skirmish lines and watch each other's backs (no one else will). I'll see you all on the front lines. This is 10A75. Show me out to the station.

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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

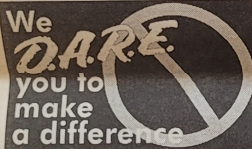
Locomotion

On June 11, 2000, the Boys and Girls Club of Venice put on an event that included a run, a bicycle race, and a Dragon Boat race. Approximately 800 people in the community attended the

event, including several Pacific Division officers who participated in the boat race. The Dragon Boat race is a Chinese cultural tradition that goes back 2,400 years. It was held to avert misfortune and encourage the rains needed for prosperity, and the object of their worship was the dragon. Although on this day it was all for fun! There were seven different teams of 22 people, and our team was made up of officers, volunteers, and friends. The race started off great until the "Drummer" fell out of the boat... although they kept going, it just wasn't the same without "the Drummer's beat." They ended up taking second place in the race, and the trophy was placed at a local coffee shop called the "Cow's End" in Venice. It was a very eventful day for everyone and enjoyed much by the community!



Officer Wayne Goodman guides the Dragon Boat filled with "Pacific People" who took second place in the event!



by Karen Widman
DARE Division

Shiree Lejin Arrant, 1962-2000

DARE Division is deeply mourning the loss of one of our own most respected DARE officers. Our dear friend, Shiree Arrant, passed away on June 19, 2000, after a very brief illness. Her passing has truly shaken those who knew and cared about her, but as Shiree would have wanted, each of us continues the work in her memory in the work she was so devoted to.

Shiree was a native of Los Angeles, born on April 24, 1962, and later graduated from Crenshaw High School in 1979. Shiree continued her studies at Southwestern Community College

before taking on her most rewarding and important challenge, the mother of two wonderful sons, Howard and Jontrae. These two young men were a constant source of pride for Shiree and she could frequently be heard discussing their recent accomplishments.

Shiree joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department approximately 16 years ago. She has worked many assignments, but has spent the last nine years dedicating her career to



Shiree Lejin Arrant, 1962-2000.

preventative law enforcement. She believed deeply that the best way to correct the problems within our community was to reach out with care and under-

2000 Torch Run

On Monday, June 12, 2000, several hundred people participated in the 31st annual Torch Run, which kicks off the Southern California Special Olympics Summer Games in Long Beach. The torch was handed off to us on Vista Del Mar at Sand Piper, by El Segundo Police Department. Officers **Melody Hainline** and **Edward Griffin** were the runners representing Pacific Area's leg, which consisted of 5.2 miles of winding, hilly roads. During the run we were assisted by two West Traffic motors, and the Highway Patrol to help keep the runner safe. At the conclusion of our leg, Officer Griffin handed the torch to the Inglewood Chief of Police and watched as it was carried off into the



WTD Motors escort Officer's Griffin and Hainline during the Special Olympics Torch Run.

sunset! We want to thank Hainline and Griffin for their support!

National Championship

On June 11, 2000, the Centurions played New York Police Department's finest in Palm Beach, Florida. The



Officer Bill Hallett and Sgt. Fred Fogarty say, "Beat this on an eight hour tour of duty! Will Las Vegas be next, before retirement?"

game was to decide the best of the best... the Police National Champions! The game was awesome, with hard hitting and lots of defense. The score was 14-10 (NYPD) when the Centurions scored (what should have been) the "go ahead" touchdown, with only 4.1 seconds left on the clock. The referee, a New York City native, saw it differently. He called it "no catch," claiming the receiver's feet were out of bounds. The Centurions lost a hard-fought battle to the boys from New York, with the final score being 14-10. The Centurions want to thank you for your support during the past season and hope to see you next year! Season record: 6-1. ✕

standing to the youth of this city. It can be easily estimated that within the nine years that Shiree was at DARE Division, she had a positive impact on over 10,800 students. Shiree was also a leader within our division taking an active part in station fund committees, Baker to Vegas events, annual state and national conferences and always offering her upbeat and honest opinion.

Shiree was a very devoted member to her God Jehovah as an active member in her Jehovah's Witness congregation. Her dedication to family was evident when she opened her home as a foster parent for two of her sister's children.

We shall always miss Shiree but we will never forget her loving spirit, her dedication to all who knew her, dedication to the Dallas Cowboys football team (even in the lean years), and wonderful sense of humor.

National DARE Officers Convention

The annual NDOA convention was held in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 5-8, 2000. A large contingency of LAPD DARE officers were represented to observe as our own Officer Josuel Gooden was sworn in as first Vice-President of the National DARE Officers

Association. The officers participated in seminars and workshops, a few of which were presented by LAPD officers **Glenn Bedford**, **Chuck Williams**, **Shannon Allan** and **Karen Widman**. This seminar was a wonderful learning experience for the LAPD officers in attendance, because the city of Los Angeles will be hosting the next NDOA convention in the summer of 2001.

Welcome and Goodbyes

DARE Division would like to welcome our newest members to our ranks. **Shondie Jackson** and **Ed Herrera** have joined us from Devonshire, **Tonia Love** has crossed the hall from STD, **Lisette Garcia** made the short drive from South West and **Jose Herrera** has come to DARE by way of the Big 10-West Val. It is with regret that we say goodbye to Sr. **PSR Adrienne Ables**, but considering that she just went across the hall to STD, we know we will be seeing her. And we would also like to congratulate DARE Division's newest **PIIs Anthony Jackson** from DARE Division, and **Craig Burns**, who is returning to DARE Division from Rampart division. Welcome back!

Stay safe and keep DARE(ing) to make a difference! ✕

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Northeast Corner

by Lauro Montes
Northeast Division

Det.-3 **Barry "Bubba" Matthews**, #17658, entered the LAPD academy on July 7, 1972. Upon graduation, on November 26th, he was assigned to Newton Division. The following September, Bubba was wheeled to Southwest Division. Five months later, he was working A.I. at CTD. After a



(Back Row): R.D. Gonzalez, John Munguia, Bubba Matthews and Mike Valencia. (Front): Louie Loya and Jerry Rowe.

two-year stint at CTD, he was off to Hollywood Division. In August of 1976, while at Communications Division, Bubba made P-3. Bubba went to Venice Division in April of 1978 and transferred for the last time of his career to Northeast Division in August of 1985. Bubba came to Northeast Division as a Detective and will retire as the Det.-3 of the Juvenile Table. Bubba spent approximately 15 years at Northeast Division, all as a Detective and a Detective Supervisor. Upon completion of his 28-year LAPD career, Detective Bubba Matthews will be enjoying his retirement with his family, along with camping and fishing.

Det.-2 **Jerry "Jelly Roll" Rowe**, #17524, entered the LAPD academy on April 17, 1972. Upon graduation in September, Jerry was assigned to Northeast Division. He promoted to P-3

in November of 1976. While at Rampart Division, Jerry promoted to Detective in May of 1984. He spent about one year at Juvenile Division before transferring back to Northeast Division in November of 1984. Jerry promoted to his present rank of Det.-2 in September of 1988. Jerry's last assignment was the Northeast Juvenile Table where he served as the PM watch detective. A two-time Vietnam veteran, Jerry will enjoy his retirement by camping, making wine and doing a little fishing.

Det.-2 **Louis "Louie Mac Loya"** Loya, #16052, entered the LAPD academy on June 15, 1970. Upon completion of his academy training, Louie was assigned to the Buy Team for a short time, before he was wheeled to 77th Division in January of 1971. After a nine-year stint at 77th Division, Louie transferred to Northeast Division. He was promoted to P-3 in October of 1985. Louie promoted to Detective while at Central Division in August of 1990. He came back to Northeast Division in June of 1993 and promoted to his present rank of Det.-2 in December of 1997. A 30-year LAPD man, Det. Loya will continue his law enforcement career with the USC Police Department. Although Louie will still be working daily, I'm sure he will find the time for a little fishing and some running.

Det.-3 **Miguel "No Neck" Valenciana**, #17582, entered the LAPD academy on May 15, 1972. After graduating from the academy five months later, Mike was assigned to Newton Division. Mike was wheeled to Hollenbeck Division in September of 1975. He was promoted to P-3 one year later. Mike transferred to Juvenile Division as a Detective in March of 1985. After a short stint at Juvenile Division, he transferred to Newton Division. Mike promoted to Det.-2 in July of 1988. Mike made his last transfer to Northeast Division in December of 1989. Mike was promoted to his present rank, Det.-3 in September of 1993. Mike was commended for his work performance more than 75 times during his career. Now that Mike is officially retired, he is looking forward to coaching soccer and relaxing at Lake Havasu.

inspection. The results: Everybody with more than well-equipped with hats and bats. Several, however, were counseled for broken pencils. One officer's calculator was fresh out of batteries; three had damaged pocket protectors; one presented a rusty T-square, and finally, an embarrassing amount of lint was discovered on one unfortunate officer's slide ruler.

We say farewell to Capt. **Michel Moore** who has transferred out of MSD to Rampart Area. His work ethic, his skill, and his good nature will be missed. On behalf of everyone at MSD, congratulations and good luck. Also, we say so long to PIII+I **Deborah Aoki** who promoted and moved on to Labor Relations where she'll probably stay for the next 62 years if she's smart. We also bid a fond farewell to P-III **Caroline Volland** who got a spot in Financial Crimes Division as a Detective Trainee. Caroline will be remembered as the researcher who published more Special Orders than any other researcher possibly in the history of the world, or at least 1999. Finally, MSD gives a warm welcome to Sgt. **George Macias** transferring in from Rampart. He's been here over a week and still no paper cuts. ♦

Congratulations to all of you on your recent retirements. Your work habits, attitude, professionalism and dedication are second to none. We can't thank you enough for all your hard work. Thank you for your friendships and the many great times. We all wish you the best in your retirements. You deserve them. Keep in touch.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following personnel on their recent promotions and best of luck to the three of you on your new assignments: Officer **Tony Carranza** to Sgt. (WLA), Officer **Fernando Carrasco** to P-3 (remains), and Officer **Steve Garcia** to P-3 (remains).

Bienvenidos

Sgt. **R. McCool** from HARB, Sgt. **E. Cabriaes** from DEV, Det. **P. Hinton** from RAMP, Officer **R. Palomares** from CED, and Recruit Officer **N. Do** from Training.

Adios

Sgt. **F. Orlando** to DEV, Sgt. **B. Young** to NHWD, Officer **D. Alvarez** to BAD and Officer **A. Kong** to HWD.

Laugh a Little

A motor officer recently pulled over an elderly female who was driving her husband to the doctor's office. The officer advised the driver that he pulled her over because she was speeding. The driver (who wore a hearing aid) asked



2000 NE Torch Relay Team.

her husband, "What did he say?" The husband replied, "He pulled you over for speeding." The officer then requested the driver's license of the driver. The driver asked her husband, "What did he say?" The husband replied, "He needs to see your license to drive." After obtaining the license, the officer saw that the driver was from his old hometown. The officer advised the driver of this, and also that he had his worst sexual experience there. The driver asked her husband, "What did he say?" The husband replied, "He says that he knows you."

The End

Walking through the detective squad room the other day, I observed Det. Trainee **Joe Preciado** crying at his desk. When I asked Joe what was wrong he said that I never mention how well he has been golfing lately. So to make you feel more appreciated, Joe, congratulations on your outstanding golfing during the inter-departmental tournaments. ♦

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M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert
Management Services Division

As the city has been gearing up for the Democratic National Convention, so has Management Services Division been readying its resources. In addition to writing special orders, updating the Department Manual, and sharpening pencils, MSD staffs the Department Operations Center (DOC) when it is activated. Our tasks, four floors underground in a stuffy, computer-crammed room in City Hall East include tracking and deploying the Department's available resources, communicating with field command posts, gathering intelligence, and analyzing and mapping of major incidents.

In preparation for the DNC, Procedures and Directives Section and Special Projects Unit MSD, held a uniform

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

While most citizens were sitting in front of their TV sets watching the world champion Lakers celebrating their victory, our detectives donned their helmets and experienced the action close up and real. If you thought you saw some familiar faces in uniform... you did.

In-Outs-N-Ups

Now that things are back to normal, let's look around. There is newly arrived Sgt. Joan Leuck from West L.A., and P-2s Gordon Baskett (77th), Catherine Rymasz (Dev), and Anthony Kong (N/E). From the Academy are Michael Hernandez and that big guy, Trevor Wilson. Welcome to you all.

Gone are Sgt. Angela McGee to S/E, P-3s John Collyer (EODD), David



(L to R): D-1 Steve Griffin, P-3 Mike Estrada and D-11 Michael Pinnaro.



by Art Rico
Rampart Division

E.O.W.

Rampart Division personnel are truly saddened by the loss of **Peggy Gipson**, who passed away on June 28, 2000. Peggy's commitment and contribution to Rampart was priceless and will be missed by all.

Pride Run

Rampart Breakfast Club honored new Sgt. **Julian Munoz** with a pride run on his last day.



(Top row) V. Gutierrez, J. Castaneda, A. Munoz, Sgt. P. Torrence, A. Perez; (Bottom row) J. Garcia, Sgt. Julian Munoz, T. Cataldi, A. Jackson, C. Marajo, J. Tomeo, J. Caseres.

Woolsey (WVAL); P-2s Craig Allen (Comm), Amy Schnieder (EODD), and Erin Hibbard (RAMP).

Promoting and staying is Det. 2 Sharrone Dill. Leaving are new P-3s Anthony Doyen (WVAL), Daniel McGee (HARB) and Lyndon Ventura moving up to SRCT at PER. Congratulations to all these upwardly mobiles.

Torch Run

The Special Olympics Torch Run today is in every U.S. chapter, Canada, and 25 foreign nations. The law enforcement torch run has raised more than \$11 million and an unprecedented level of



(L-R, Bottom row): Mike Snowden, Floyd Toledo, Al Killion, Mike Sequin, Isaac Reyes, Chris Richardson. (Top row): Richard Bengtson, Todd Waymire, Brian Pogue, Chuck Moore, Mike Pelletier, Tony Ochoa, Chris Marsden and Tom Chevolek. (Not shown): Mike Rimkunas, Gary Kukaua, Doug Winger, Joey Reyna, and Jay Ealy. We are the Champions of the World!

public awareness. The torch run brings increased visibility to both the Special Olympics and the law enforcement community. The sight of law enforcement officials and Special Olympics athlete runners, preceded and followed by emergency vehicles with lights flashing, has great promotional appeal.

The following personnel are to be congratulated for their participation: **Chuck Stubeck**,

Mike Fesperman, Tom Glazebrook, Steve Ramirez, Bob Von Voight, Cynthia Tapia, Tony Giambruno, Chantell Barrett, Tracey Fields, Luz Flores, Mike Snowden, Corbin Rheault, Bridgett Robinson, Norma Stang, Brian Heany, Shawn Heatherington, Anna Izzo, Dan Strojny, Crystal Hayes, Jessie Beltran, Romona Gonzales, Vince Pilleggi, Dave Hickerson, Alan Weiner, Bill Duke, Bill Eaton, Jerry Siel, and Tim Rolson.

We Are the Champions

Just like the Lakers, we here at Hollywood can boast of our winning team. The softball team had one of those dream team seasons. Would you believe an undefeated season with a record of 19-0? This team won the pre-season tournament, then the Central League Divisional season and then the Red

In the over 35-year-old softball team competition, a silver medal was presented to team member **Michael Pelletier**.

In the over 45 team competition, our LAPD Masters #1 softball team took home fifth place honors. Hollywood team members included Dets. **Michael Thrasher** and **Floyd Toledo**. Congratulations to all the Hollywood athletes that participated in the Summer Games held in San Bernardino.

Hollywood Veterans

This is a very old city with a very special image. So it's only right that its Centurions are also true veterans. Would you believe that each of the following Hollywood officers have given this department over 30 years of dedicated service? From #1 old man **Ronald**



(L) D-11 Tom Pollard receives 30 year pin from Captain Baca.

McGowin, to Harold Keller, John Miller, Arthur Placencia, Keith Haizer, Roger Jackson, Thomas Pollard, Marvin Kidd, Charles Stubeck, and just recently going over 30 years is **Don Riggio**. Let's not overlook M.A. II **Sharyn Gunther** who is now entering her 37th year. May their many years of service be remembered as fondly as the city that they all still protect and serve.

Until next month, keep watching your TV sets for the further adventures of the happenings in Hollywood.

Police and Fire Summer Games

This year we had three softball teams participating. The LAPD Blue Team took a gold medal in Mens Open with a 7-1 record. Hollywood team members included: **Mike Snowden**, **Richard Bengtson**, **Gary Kukaua**, and **Tom Chevolek**.

Van Twist is a perfect example of the hard work and dedication all cops here at Rampart provide every day.

OK-7 at Rampart

On June 15, 2000, Rampart Division was the proud host of the Communication division fundraiser held at Rampart's parking lot. Several units responded to the "Back-up Meal" request put out by the PSRs helping them raise funds for their picnic/X-mas party.

New Baby

I'm the proud father of a beautiful little girl born to us on March 3, 2000. My



Marisabel Natali Rico.

wife and I went through a lot during my bonding leave. I thought I'd place a picture of her here and surprise my wife, who stood by me when I needed her the most.

Promotions

Congratulations to Officer **J. Hollis** and Officer **B. Marrufo** who were promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Hollis was assigned to NHWD and Sgt. Marrufo to SW.

Officer **B. Eldridge** was promoted to a well-deserved P-3 position and will remain at Rampart.

Capt. **R. Hansohn** was assigned to TRSG and will be soon promoted to Commander.

Coming In

Capt. **M. Moore** from MSD, Sgt. **M. Patriquin** from NHWD, Sgt. **M. Cryer** from SW, Sgt. **G. Oshea** from VNYS, Officers **D. Castaneda** and **R. Rico** from NEWT, Officer **S. Massey** from SE, Officer **J. Ramirez** from HARB, Officer **E. Hibbard** from HWD, Officer **C. Gomez** from SW, Officer **R. Ford** from WLA, and Officer **E. Delano** P-1 from the Academy.

Leaving

Sgt. **J. Macias** to MSD, Det. **P. Hinton** to NE, Det. **M. Tomes** to FCD, Officers **M. Lewis** and **B. Aguilar** to NHWD, Officer **G. Fuqua** to VTD Motors, Officer **M. Dickerson** to ASD, Officer **C. Burns** to DARE, and Officer **W. Pulley** to SE.

Last, but not least, we will always miss Officer **Edward Brehm** and Officer **Doyle Stepp**, who recently "pulled the plug." We wish them both the best of luck.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Linda Gotham
Van Nuys Division

First off I would like to tell Bob Rose not to be looking for his last paycheck in the mail. It seems that Vic Snappaia got hold of Jim Rigney's snapebook and who knows if and when anyone in VNYS is getting paid. Next congrats to the following OFCRS; P3+1 Mark Kelly (now Sgt. Kelly) on

the birth of his son Lucas Alexander Kelly, also P2 James Norton had a son Ricardo Manuel Norton.

I heard that P3 Lupe Ruiz won a gold in his weight class in the wrestling and P2 Troy Collins won double silver also in wrestling. The games were held June 25-July 1 at Ontario.

Here's the photo of the VNYS area centurion football members, seems Mr. Rose kept promising to put the photo in the paper, but kept forgetting where he placed it, so here it is guys.

OFCRS Jimenez and Nunez received a vicious dog call upon deploying pepper spray, fire extinguisher and having the animal control officer on board with the pole that has the loop at the end,



Ray Puettman, James Norton, Lou Marin, Larry Koreen, Juan Campos and Troy Collins—proud members from Van Nuys area that participated on the 2000 Centurion Football Team.

OFCRS Ron Allen and Trent Berry roll up, open the back door of the cruiser and Ron yelling like he yells at his

grandkids, "get in here." Both dogs promptly jumped in the back seat and rode to the pound. I understand that they looked vicious.

Comings

SGT. Mike Paturzo—Just cannot leave VNYS; SGT. Alicia Solis; LT2. Greg Correa.

Goings

SGT. Pat Butler heading to ND as a DET2; P2 David Krumer to DEV; P2 Marco Sobrino to DEV.

Before I close I would like to tell all my cash cows to stay out of the TRNG unit since we just got our carpet cleaned of all the milk stains. Stay safe out there.....

B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

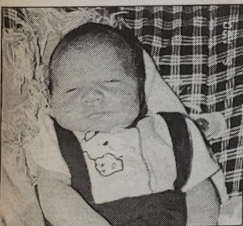
In-N-Out

Movement within BAD remains brisk with a variety of assignment and personnel changes. Besides the retirement of two senior detectives, Officer Scott Davis left the BAD/VCSS-FEE unit for a well-deserved promotion to Metro Division. Good luck in your new assignment.

Into BAD is Det. George Marentez from Newton, Officer David Alvarez from Northeast Division, Officer Dick Bain from Hollywood, Det. Renee Talavera from South Bureau CRASH, Reserve Officer Robert Vargas and PSR Elsie Chacon. Welcome to all our new BAD people. I mistakenly reported Lt. Corella as transferred to DSD; he is off IOD and still at BAD.

Happy Birthday to You!

I have two months of birthdays to catch up on, so for the month of July, happy birthday to David Alvarez 7/3,



Jonathan Christopher Kovacs, newborn son of Cameron Kovacs.

George Marentez 7/5, Bob Binder 7/9, Daryl McLemore 7/14, Cameron Kovacs 7/14, Ryan Schatz and Jesse Corral 7/28. August birthdays are Charlie Bennett 8/6, Diana Herron 8/11, Capt. Sanchez 8/14, Marc Zavala 8/15, Ken Scott 8/19, Paul Makarenko 8/20, and Dick Bain 8/26. Happy birthday to you all and get your free piece of birthday cake at the squad meeting, courtesy of your station fund.

Also under birthdays, how about Officer Cameron Kovacs and his wife, Andrea, who are celebrating the birth of their son, Jonathan Christopher, born on May 23rd at 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21

inches long. Congratulations to the new parents (See Jonathan's photo in this article.)

Sick and Injured

Our best wishes for speedy recovery go out to Det. Yvette Moreno, Det. Reggie Jackson and Lt. Al Corella.

Retirement Celebration of Two Outstanding Detectives

Recently, BAD celebrated the retirement of two of their best detectives—Dets. James Battle and John Toland. James was last assigned as the Pawnshop/Metal Theft Section Supervisor. John was assigned to the Commercial Auto Theft Section, better known as BAD CATS.

Detective III James Battle

Det. III James Battle, #15893, began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department on April 20, 1970. James was assigned to Rampart Division and promoted to the rank of Senior Lead Officer. James received numerous com-



James Battle retirement party, James and his wife, Lydia.

mendations for his commitment to the Department and his outstanding service to the community.

In July of 1988, James was promoted to Det.-I and transferred to his new assignment at Harbor Division. November of 1988 James transferred to Burglary-Auto Theft Division. In November of 1990, James promoted to the rank of Det. II and then to Det. III in April of 1998. James was highly regarded as the subject matter expert in the areas of Pawnshop procedures as well as metal theft investigations.

James retired on May 7, 2000, after 30 years and 11 days of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department. In James' last year on the job, he fought back a deadly disease, recovered, and has shown he is a true warrior with the same sense of survival he learned in the Academy.

James resides with his wife, Lydia, in Carson. James has two children, a daughter Ursula Cne' Martin and his son, Christopher Battle, and one grandchild, Camryn. James, enjoy your retirement and sincere best wishes for the future.

Detective III John W. Toland

On July 2, 2000, with over 29 years of outstanding professional police service, Det. III John Toland, #16464, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department.

John was born in Seattle, Washington. John grew up in the city of Lennox and graduated from Lennox High School in 1962. John attended El Camino Community College in the South Bay and graduated from Moorpark Community College with his Associated



John Toland retirement party, Jack (son), Nancy (wife) and John Toland.

Science Degree. John also attended the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). John enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves and was activated to serve during the Vietnam War. He rose to the rank of Petty Officer, 2nd Class and later served in the National Guard, where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6.

In August of 1969, while working as a loan officer for Western Mortgage, John met and later married his wife, Nancy. John and Nancy have a 25-year-old son, Jack, who resides in Bryan/College Station, Texas.

On November 2, 1970, John entered the Los Angeles Police Academy as a recruit officer. In March of 1971, upon successfully graduating from his training, John was assigned to patrol duties at West Valley Division. While assigned to West Valley, John was responsible for the capture and successful prosecution of the "Valley Cat Burglar," who, up until then had eluded capture while committing numerous late night residential burglaries in the San Fernando Valley.

In October of 1972, wishing to expand his field expertise, John transferred to Wilshire Division Patrol. John started to accumulate numerous commendations for his outstanding police work in patrol. In July of 1974, Toland was promoted to Police Officer III. John continued to make numerous observation arrests for grand theft auto, burglary and robbery, taking many dangerous suspects off the mean streets of Los Angeles.

In February of 1976, Toland was rewarded for all his hard work with a

trainee position in a detective assignment at Wilshire Division. John has always enjoyed working on and around cars, so he was a natural in his first assignment in auto theft. In July of 1979, John was promoted to Detective and transferred to Southwest Detectives. In November of 1979, John transferred back to Wilshire Detectives, where he worked auto theft and the homicide call-out team. In May of 1981, John transferred to Burglary-Auto Theft Division and initially was assigned to the Pawnshop Detail. In August of 1981, John was promoted to Detective II and moved into the Commercial Auto Theft Section, better known as BAD CATS.

During his almost 20 years in BAD CATS, John involved himself in a variety of assignments within the section. John has worked motorcycles, big rigs and construction equipment thefts and ended his career running the numbers unit, where he alone was responsible for recovering over 90 stolen vehicles in 1999.

John received many commendations for his work while assigned to BAD CATS. This included a commendation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and California Highway Patrol for his work on a multi-state vehicle theft interdiction program called G.A.T.E. This program helped stem the flow of stolen vehicles from Los Angeles to Mexico and South America. During one operation, 66 stolen vehicles were recovered, along with illicit drugs and numerous dangerous illegal weapons.

Toland also served as the President of the Western States Auto Theft Investigators (WSATI) and was sought after often to speak publicly on auto theft prevention. John also participated in a task force to investigate a major fraud ring operating in Los Angeles. Toland culminated the almost three-year investigation with the arrest of 15 suspects involved in a \$4,000,000 theft. The district attorney's office filed a 51-count indictment and this included the arrest and successful prosecution of the head of the gang, a well-known and premier fraud artist, Artie Gilbert.

In July of 1987, Det. Toland received a well-deserved promotion to Det. III. John has been characterized many times in his rating reports and commendations for his dedication, job loyalty, enthusiasm and professionalism. Although close to retirement, he has stayed active up to his last days, capturing an infamous "chop shop" suspect for a violation of his parole just weeks before retiring.

John and his wife, Nancy, have been long-time residents of Simi Valley. Upon his retirement, John and his wife, Nancy, are moving to Texas to join their son, Jack, and Nancy's parents.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

Happy birthday to all readers of the Southeast article who have birthdays in August, especially that special birthday on August 17th.

I would like to congratulate the Southeast Area 2000 Bench Press team on this year's second place finish. The following is a list of the employees who participated: PIII Victoria Lim, PI

A real god job by Sgt. **Mo Landrum** in the organization of this year's amazing team. Congratulations to 77th on the first place win. Enjoy it this year, because you may be surprised in 2001.

Recently, the Special Olympics torch came through Southeast Division. 77th Division at Vermont and Manchester Avenue handed off the torch where the following officers and supervisors carried it 6.5 miles: SGTII **Jim Alvarez***, SGT **Marcella Piersol***, SGTII **Kathy Meek**, SGT **Jay Nunez***, SGT **T. J. VanDyne**, SGT **Sue Leskera***, PIII **Oscar Surles**, PIII **Ken Amerson**, PIII **Patricia Dirosario**, PII **Manuel Moreno**, PIII **Warner Castillo**, PIII+1 **Floro Pinzon**.

However, once they arrived to the hand-off point at Alameda and Imperial, no Southgate P.D. unit was to be found. Unfortunately, Southgate never got the word and had no runners available. With



2000 Southeast Special Olympics Torch Run Team.

Gina Meza, PII **Leanna Rosenkild**, PI **Anissa Harsma**, PII **Kristi Nielsen**, DII **Linda Compton**, PII **Tanya Eppenger**, SGTII **Kathy Meek**, PII **Deborah Rigler**, DII **Lou Leiker**, SGT **Johnnie Jones**, SGT **Maurice Landrum**, PIII **Jerome Walker**, SGT **Mike Hargreaves**, SGT **Ricky Johnson**, Lt. **J. J. May**, DII **James Lovelace**, PII **Mario Adame**, PI **Brandon Mamrot**, PIII **Roger Allen**, PII **James Swift**, PI **Paul Razo**, PI **Jesus Reza**, DI **Jeff Burger**, PIII **Christian Mrakich**, PIII **Paul Avila**, PII **Wilberto Torres**, PIII **Young Mun**, PIII **Angelo Stewart**, PIII **Tom Colomey**, PIII **Oscar Surles**, PII **Josh Ulrich**, PIII **Ron Gilder**.

that dilemma the Southeast officers decided to run it another 6.2 miles and hand it off to Huntington Park Police. An asterisk denotes the officers that continued the final trek. All of these officers did an amazing job braving the heat and traffic.

The end of June brought several retirements throughout the city and two are here from Southeast. Det. **Candy Delgado** and Det. **II Raul Nunes** retired in June. Candy was a very experienced and very approachable detective who shared her knowledge with new officers and always had an open door policy with patrol officers. Det. Nunes was experienced in his field and always shared stories with the younger officers. His sense of humor made officers seek him out for

advice. You will both be missed here at Southeast. Good luck to both of you on your long and relaxing future.

Several promotions to acknowledge: Farewell to Capt. **Charlie Beck** (JUV), new Capt. **J. Rubert** (CP), Det. **Ernie Garcia** (HBK), Sgt. **Rosalie Garcia**



New Sergeant Rosalie Garcia (rt.) and Detective Ernie Garcia (no relationship).

(HBK), and PIII+1 **D. Earley** (HARB). Congratulations to the newest Southeast Senior Lead Officer **Danielle Wells**.

A welcome to Capt. **Pat Gannon** (IAG), Sgt. **Angie McGee** (HWD), PIII **J. Smith** (PAC), PIII **L. Heitzman** (SB), PII **D. Levesque** (FTHL), PII **M. Plugge** (NEWT), PII **Braendle** (PAC), PII **W. Pulley** (RAMP), PII **M. Orta-Luster** (SB), PII **M. Nagle** (VNY), PII **H. Joe** (TD), and CSA **M. Phillips** (HARB).

Farewell to new PIII **S. Massey** (RAMP), new PIII **O. Surles** (SW), new PII **J. Mendez** (PAC), new PII **S. White** (PAC) and PII **A. Khalfani**.

If you have ever worked Southeast, you would probably remember Sgt. **J. D. Allen**, #20184, and his recognizable "Ho Ho Ho" laugh. J.D. is a very experienced and approachable AWC at Southeast.

Unfortunately, he decided to pull the plug after 27 years. His retirement party is scheduled on August 4, 2000, at the Mayflower Ballroom in Inglewood. J.D. was in the 8-73 class upon completion he went on to Hollywood (73-74), Jail Division (74-74), Wilshire (75-88), West L.A. (88-89) and finally Southeast Area (89-00). Contact PSR **Gloria Unterburger** at Southeast PM watch



Bessie Wallace comes by Southeast to say good-bye to Detective II Raul Nunes, who retired July 4, 2000, and Detective III Candy Delgado, who retired July 15, 2000.

desk if you are interested in attending. Good luck with your retirement.

Southeast has recently experienced a very large increase in gang shootings. It has been amazing to see the professionalism, motivation and commitment by the Southeast patrol officers. This exceptional job is also due to the teamwork displayed from the PI to the DIII to the PSR. The job Southeast officers is doing is exceptional even with minimal resources. Evidence of the fine job they are doing is the "Commendable Copper Capers" which I submitted to show the work by the officers under the current circumstances.

Until the next one, be safe.

Detective Support Division

by Tom King
Detective Support Division

Detective Mike Kriha, Criminal Conspiracy Section Employee of the Year, 2000

Det. **Mike Kriha** has completed 35 years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles and has demonstrated a sincere, honest and truly professional effort in each of those years. Det. Kriha is a compassionate individual who shows empathy for both victims and suspects of the crimes he investigates.

Det. Kriha has generously donated his time to visit police officers across the country that have been injured in bombing incidents. He regularly speaks to recruit classes about officer safety considerations when dealing with suspicious packages and bomb threats.

Det. Kriha's investigative reports are the most thorough and well written in the Section. He leaves no stones unturned in his quest for the truth. For over 35 years Det. Kriha has been an inspiration to his fellow employees. In all of those years he has yet to take a sick day off. The Commanding Officer recognizes this unparalleled dedication to duty.

It is with pride that on July 5, 2000, Det. **Mike Kriha** is presented the Criminal Conspiracy Section Employee of the Year 2000.

Original Signed: **Terry S. Hara**, Commanding Officer, Det. Support

Division; **Gary Lynch**, Officer-in-Charge, Criminal Conspiracy Section, "D.N.C."

Well, the time is here... time for the Democratic National Convention. I hope everyone was able to find the DNC training location near Burbank Airport. We were thinking about making t-shirts that read: "I found DNC training..." Bet we'd sell out! Anyway, stay safe out there and watch out for those "anarchists."

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently been promoted: Sgt. **II Hale** who went to TBM, and D-2 **Terrones** who remains at Pacific.

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Lt. **Bill Williams** over from LAX (taking command of OSD), Lt. **Nathan** in from LS, new Sergeants **Gilbert** in from CED, and **Gottschalk** in from WVLA, Officers **Daltzell** and **Rodriguez** in from 77th, Officers **Miranda** and **Swanson** in from Foothill, Officer **Maher** in from DEV, Officer **Austin** in from NEWT, Officers **Mendez** and **White** in from SE, Officer **Rodriguez** in from SW, Officers **Gutierrez** and **Marchese** in from WIL, Officer **Negrete** in from VNYS, Officers **Baker**, **Barron** and **Miss Debra Sullivan** in from WVLA, and P-Is **Chavez** and **Jackson** in from Training. Best of luck to all you new three... five... serial numbers!!

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific Area: Sgt. **Furuta** who went to 77th, Det. **Blizzard** who went to VNYS, Officers **Smith** and **Breandle** who went to SE, and Officer **Higa** who went to WB.

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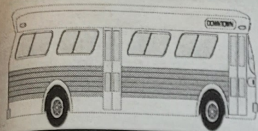
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TRANSIT BUS

by Officer Lupita Alaniz
Transit Bus Division

Hello there once again, from your Transit Bus editor. Can you believe that the 4th of July has come and gone? I'm not sure about you, but I think I must have gained 10 pounds from all the delicious food I inhaled at various BBQs. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. It seems like there's never enough time to spend with those we love, so the time we do have we should consider precious.

I hope everyone participated in the voting process for our new contract. Some of you may be apathetic about the whole ordeal, but just remember your vote potentially affects your career life and family life. If you were not satisfied with what the League negotiated, remember that change occurs when people get involved. I recently read a quote by William James and I thought I would share it with you. Hopefully, the right people will read it. "A new idea is first condemned as ridiculous, and then dismissed as trivial, until finally it becomes what everybody knows."

Top Cop

Chief **Bernard C. Parks** has recognized P.O. **Romik Keshishi** for one of the prestigious TOP COP Awards. Officer Keshishi was one of only ten officers chosen to receive this selected award. Officer Keshishi was nominated for the bravery he exhibited during a shooting on New Year's Eve, 1998, in North Hollywood Division, in which Officer Cynthia French was seriously wounded by a suspect. The Award Ceremony will take place in August in Washington, D.C. Congratulations!

Cap of the Month

Officers **Contreras** and **Gonzalez** were working in the area of 7th and Spring when they observed a female waving her hands in the air attempting to catch their attention. As the officers approached her they noticed that she was shaking and extremely upset. She advised them that a male Hispanic had walked up to her and grabbed her necklace and ripped it off from around her neck. The suspect then ran away from the location. The officers placed the victim into their vehicle and drove in the direction the suspect was last seen in the hope of locating the suspect. Within minutes, the victim identified the suspect as he stood at the corner of 7th Street and Main. The officers were able to recover the necklace and take the suspect into custody without incident. Thanks to the alert and quick-thinking officers, the victim was able to sleep good that night knowing that her assailant was captured and her property recovered quickly and professionally. It's refreshing to hear when LAPD officers are appreciated for the good work they do. Good job, guys!

Officer of the Quarter

One of Transit Bus Division's goals for the year 2000 was to reduce the graffiti repair cost of the LACMTA buses by \$5 million through high visibility patrols, undercover officers and other problem solving efforts. As you all see on a daily basis, when you're out on patrol or just driving down the street our public transportation is often blanketed by graffiti. Officer **Kevin Huff** is assigned to the Graffiti Habitual Offender Suppression Team (GHST). Officer Huff has made a significant

contribution toward our goal in the area of graffiti reduction. Officer Huff has been honored as Officer of the Quarter for his demonstration of commitment and enthusiasm towards his duties. His consistency and clarity in his investigations have illustrated to MTA his concern and efforts toward safety and service for the MTA patrons and citizens of Los Angeles. Officer Huff is the ideal of a well-rounded officer and has set an example for all officers to follow.

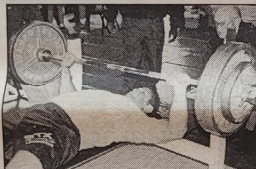
New Arrivals

Congratulations to Officer **Kevin Huff**, Officer **John Flores** and Officer **Sean Fiola** on their new additions to the family. Enjoy the time off with your new treasures. We're all anticipating lots of pictures upon your return from bonding leave. I'm sure they're beautiful. As Robert Schuller once said, "In the presence of love, miracles happen."

Sports

It's nice to know about all the outstanding athletes at TBD. Here are some of the results from your Olympic medalists. Officer **Melissa Lynch** (my "superstar" partner) participated in the 3-man volleyball team and walked away with a silver medal. Officer **Kevin** and her teammates had their work cut out for them, as they were playing amongst national players (ringers). They hung in there, but ultimately they were edged out of the gold by just a couple of points.

Officers **Mark Reina** and **Jason Schwabb** played ice hockey on the L.A. Bullets and skated away with the gold medal. I heard it was tough competition, but they managed to maintain control of the puck and the gold medal! Officer



Officer Mark Reina.

Kent Lau, a member of the LAPD Blue ice hockey team, walked away with an honorable 4th place. As I mentioned before, there was truly tough competition all around with more agencies involved including Fire Department Personnel who joined the fun. As for the LAPD women's soccer team, we gladly brought the silver home losing 4-1 to a very impressive Northern California Combo team. Once again, we played a team swarming with numerous national level players, but who's complaining? Our first game was against the San Diego Sheriff Department with a recorded 6-0 score. Next was the Orange County Sheriffs with an awesome score of 10-1. I think that was the highest scoring game I've ever played! Let's not forget our friendly rivals, the women from the L.A. County Sheriffs. We let them in on who the "sheriff in town" was, with an LAPD winning score of 4-2. Unfortunately, we were outgunned the very next game by the Northern California Combo team in our attempt to bring home the gold. The only thing I can say is next year we WILL bring the gold home.

Officer **Leslie Rogers** participated in the women's five-on-five basketball team. The LAPD women team took 4th place in the competition. Well, now that it's over and we've all scheduled in and paid for our massages to work out the sore muscles and kinks (we're not as young as we used to be!), I know we are already dreaming about our trip up to Santa Rosa for next year's Olympic games.

Transit Bus Division made an impression in the Departmental Bench Press Competition by taking 4th place overall



by Sgt. Bill Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

It's been a while since I wrote last, and I have to apologize to you all for being lax in my duty to keep you informed about the comings and goings of CTD.

We at CTD continue the fight against the never-ending onslaught of radio traffic calls. Unfortunately for all of us, we have no choice but to pass a lot of those calls to patrol. We know that you, the patrol officers, are having a hard time in completing a report for which you have not been trained. Believe me, we empathize with you and would like for things to change to help you out. However, until we get more assigned officers, just consider this a big, fat chance.

Of course being reliable LAPD cops we will all overcome this and continue to do more with less. My advice to you is to take the report and bring it to CTD so that our officers can assist you in completing it correctly or at least as close as we can get it based on your investigation in the field.

Remember the better your investigation is, the better the report will turn out. The main thing is not to be afraid to take the report to begin with. Once you get past the face sheet, the rest is a walk in the park.

Our special thanks to all the volunteers and our Technical Reserves for

in only our second appearance in this event. We definitely have other divisions looking over their shoulders. This time out we doubled our participants, many who took home medals. Most importantly, each person that participated scored points toward achieving our overall placement. Special recognition goes out to Officer **Maggie Sherman** who took the gold and set a record in her classification by benching 145 pounds. The TBD Bench Press Team is made up of the following enthusiastic individuals: Officers **J. Carrillo**, **M. Preciado**, **M. Reina**, **M. Thompson**, **J. Carroll**, **R. Coates**, **M. Sherman**, **H. Jaramillo**, **M. Beruman**, **J. Wong**, **R. Thornton**, **G. Leandro**, **L. Alaniz**, and Sgts. **B. Herdria** and **B. Vermatt**. Great job, team. Let's turn up the heat!

Exiting the Bus

Although he's not seen by many of us at TBD, some of us have had the opportunity to get to know Comm. **Garrett Zimmon**. We will miss the support and encouragement he gave us through all our athletic competitions, including Baker to Vegas, the Memorial Run, the Mud Run, and I'm sure many other func-

the outstanding job they do twice a DP with the DOT in their Bandit Cab Details. These details have proved so successful that Central, Rampart and Hollenbeck Areas have shown great interest and are providing us with uniformed presence to enhance the multi-agency enforcement effort.

Ins and Outs

CTD wishes good luck to Officer **L. Brown** who transferred to Van Nuys Division. We extend a warm welcome to the following officers who transferred in this DP. Officer **Hector Madrigal** from Newton Division, Officer **Erin Larsen** from TRD, Officer **Joseph Talavera** from VTD and Officer **Wayne** (here we again) Wall from WTD.

Retirement of a BCMC

Officer **Nolan** (Lee) **Carroll** has been assigned to CTD for the past 22 years, both as a collision investigator and traffic enforcement officers. Lee, as the old grouchy corder is known to us, started his LAPD career with the Department in May of '73. He came to CTD in 1977 and forged an unforgettable career by being one of the top producers in the enforcement area during his many years here. One would think that writing that many citations would cause him to get "burned out," but that was never the case. Lee consistently maintained a high recap putting younger officers to shame by it, but he also displayed excellent knowledge of the vehicle code and talent on how to sell the citations to the violator.

Lee will now have more time to dedicate to his Koi fish and to his giant frogs now that he goes into retirement and will be sorely missed. Have a long life and prosper, Lee, and enjoy your retirement. ✦

tions I have not mentioned. There aren't many commanders who take the time to write thank you memos to officers for their hard work, but also notice and verbalize appreciation when their officers participate in LAPD extracurricular activities. I'm not sure how many other commanders were the driver of their support vehicle in the Baker to Vegas Relay. I just know ours was. Thank you. You'll be missed. Good luck!

Also exiting TBD is Officer **C. Wecker**, leaving to 77th Division, and Officer **M. Prince** to Newton Division. Chris, I hope you can still fit in your uniform (working undercover can do that to you sometimes). Good luck guys and be safe.

Boarding Bus Division

Arriving as our new day watch AWC is Sgt. **Ed Hale** from Pacific Division. Congratulations on your promotion. We hope you enjoy your ride.

Well, that's all from your host. I'll leave you with a little something to ponder by Ernest Holmes, "Great things are done by people who think great thoughts and then go out into the world to make their dreams come true." ✦

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California Summer Games Roundup

Trap and Skeet Team

by Jimmy Trahin

Six members of the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team came home from the California Police and Fire Summer Games with 20 medals hanging around their necks. Winning gold medals were Bill Page in the individual Skeet "A" Division and Vic Elliott in the individual 16-yard trap "B" Division.

Page also brought home a fourth place medal for Team Doubles Skeet, fifth in HOA Skeet "A" Division, silver for Team 16-yard Trap, and bronze for Individual 16-yard Trap "B" Division. Elliott's take also included fourth place for Team Doubles, silver for Team 16-yard Trap, and silver for the Individual 21-yard Trap "B" Division.

Dave Herrick garnered fourth place for Team Doubles, fifth for Individual Skeet "B" Division, bronze in Individual Doubles Skeet "B" Division, and silver for Individual HOA Skeet "B" division. Greg DeWitt and Jimmy Trahin came back with fourth in Team Doubles Skeet and silver for Team 16-yard Trap. Bobby Lutz won silver in Team Doubles Skeet, fifth in Individual 21-yard Trap "A" Division, and silver for Individual Spotting Clays "B" Division.

Blue Basketball Team

by Carlton Brown

The long anticipated arrival of the new millennium showcased the inaugural California Police and Fire Games held in San Bernardino County with the LAPD "Blue" Basketball Team participating in four games.

First up, on Monday, June 26, was against the California Department of Corrections Corcoran squad... and the "Blue" Team was up to the challenge, coming away with a 92-41 victory. Play became much more competitive as the games progressed, which was evidenced the next day when the South Bay Combo Team defeated the Blue Team 92-88.

The loss dropped the Blue Team into the losers bracket. They recovered quickly by defeating the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 88-63, and a trip back to the winners bracket looked promising. However, the

Blue Team's success ended abruptly with a 100-80 loss to the Fresno Combo Team.

Needless to say, we were terribly disappointed with such a quick exit from the games. We are, however, now more determined than ever and look forward to next year's games in San Jose.

Wrestling Team

by Mike Smerdel

The LAPD Wrestling Team competed in both Greco Roman and Freestyle categories with outstanding performances by all team members. We had two double gold medalists who scored more team points than any one wrestler. Patrick Higa and Mark Mireless

exhibited exemplar performances and are to be commended for their skill and team spirit.

Other wrestlers who competed are: Troy Collins, gold and silver medals; Fernando Mora, gold and silver medals; Guadalupe Ruiz, gold medal; and Brett Clark, silver and bronze medals. John Pultz and Mike Smerdel also competed in the freestyle tournament.

Our team scored more points than any other department at both wrestling tournaments. Special thanks to Daryl Gohler for his excellent coaching and hard work to make the wrestling team what it is today.

Bench Press Team

by Tom Vigen

Four members of the "Over-the-Hill Gang" stuck gold at the 2000 Police and Fire Games. This was the first raw meet (no bench shirts and no wrist wraps) in years. Bringing home gold medals were Reg Weaver in the age 55-59, 220 lb. group (with a lift of 335 lbs.), Tom Vigen in the age 60-64, 181 lb. group (341 lbs.), Rex Shields in the age 60-64, 242 lb. group (270 lbs.) and Sam Colella in the age 65+, 165 lb. group (248 lbs.).

All four set new police and fire games records. The "Over-the-Hill Gang" wishes to thank its sponsors—Centol and Viagra—for their support.



Picture Top left to right: Officer Smerdel, Officer Mireles, Officer Collins, Officer Ruiz, Coach Gohler, Officer Clark, Bottom left to right: Officer Mora, Officer Higa.



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77th St. Power Pigs Continue to Dominate LAPD Bench Press Competition

By Lew Snow,
LAPRAC Sports Beat Editor

Is anyone out there surprised that the 77th Street Power Pigs came out on top at the June Bench Press Competition... taking home the championship for the ninth consecutive meet?

The pugacious pack of porcine pulchritude proceeded to pulverize any possible opponents, producing 233 points, to perpetuate the streak started in May, 1996. For Coach Paul von Lutzow the victory on June 9th was the 14th in the last 15 outings (including time at Rampart).

Participation at the event, held in the Elysian Park Academy Gym, was down notably from November. The 152 lifters who turned out (nearly one in three being female) gave it their all, with SouthEast (176 points) and Pacific (134

points) giving the Power Pigs a run for its money this time around. In fact it was 77th Street's women who put them over the edge. The male porkers held a scant 10 point edge over Southeast, their closest competitor.

Few new marks were set this time around. Etching their names in the record books were Pacific's Erika Spence in the age 20-29, 198-1/4 lb. group, South Traffic's Sandy Kim (bettering her previous record) in the age 30-39, 105-3/4 lb. division, 77th Street's Charlotte Smith in the age 50-59, 165-1/4 lb. category, Devonshire's Ken Crawford (by 30 pounds) in the age 40-49, 198-1/4 lb. group, and retiree Sam Collella in the age 60+, 165-1/4 lb. division. Collella now holds records in three weight categories in his age group. Transit Bus Division's Maggie

Sherman tied the record in the age 20-29, 165-1/4 lb. category.

What more can be said about the Power Pigs that hasn't been uttered or written over the last five years? Has any other LAPD team so dominated its sport for as long a period of time? What can be done to handicap von Lutzow's lifters

so some other division has a chance at the next bench press meet? Fax suggestions to Sports Beat at (818) 957-4275, or e-mail them to lewsnow@aol.com, and we'll run the best of your contributions in an upcoming issue of The Thin Blue Line.

INTRA-DEPARTMENT BENCH PRESS RECORDS

MEN	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50-59	AGE 60+
Under 123-1/2	Tan Khoo 150#	Tony Cabunoc 145#			
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Ken Aragon 245#	Gary Koba 220#	Ron Hodges 230#		
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Joe Johnson 320#	Nelson Ford 295# Lee Sands 295#	Herbert Chang 260#	Joe Curren 230#	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Ben Tran 360#	Kerry Anderson 350# Mike Callan 350#	Ken Montague 325#	Mark Conta 260#	
165-1/4 - 181-3/4	Andre Louis 385#	Andre Louis 395#	Lou Leiker 320#	Tom Vigen 340#	SAM COLELLA 245#
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Terry Cirre 420#	Mark Allen 420#	George Caulford 430#	Tom Vigen 365#	Sam Collella 265#
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Tony Ramirez 475#	Greg Davidson 485#	KEN CRAWFORD 430#	James Williamson 315#	Sam Collella 270#
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Sam Siler 445#	Tony Ramirez 450#	Gary Romo 420#	Reggie Weaver 385#	
242-1/2 - 275-1/2	Ed Huston 470#	Barry Brooks 450#	Reggie Weaver 425#	Gary Thomas 440#	Rex Shields 330#
Over 275-1/2	Bryan Hand 415#	John Valdez 420#	Morris Batts 410#	William Caughey 200#	

WOMEN	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50+
Under 97 lbs		Celia Komathy 85#		
97 - 105-3/4	Kristin Kolenda 100#	Kristin Kolenda 95# Teresa Evans 95#		
105-3/4 - 114-1/2	Victoria Lim 95# Nicole Brennan 95#	SANDY KIM 100#	Jeri Weinstein 75#	
114-1/2 - 123-1/2	Jennifer Grasso 135#	Jill Reinhold 145#	Lynda Matarazzo 110#	
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Jennifer Grasso 155#	Susan Drulias 155#	Dawn Crowley 135#	
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170#	Lisa Wernli 185#	Teresa Akune 170#	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Melissa New 190#	Martha Moran 175#	Jami Reed 160#	Charlotte Smith 85#
165-1/4 - 181-3/4	Shannon Paulson 145# MAGGIE SHERMAN 145#	Sharon Biggs 160#	Yvonne Parker 110#	CHARLOTTE SMITH 80#
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Erika Spence 140#	Dena Kendrick 135#	Hilda Kendrick 185#	
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Erika Spence 130#	Andrea Grossman 110#	Gloria Vargas 105#	
220-1/4 - 242-1/2		Debbie Gourman 90#	Brenda Gordon 145#	

Record set or tied at the June competition indicated in bold caps.

BENCH PRESS RESULTS

MEN AGE 20-29	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Mario Adame (SE) 210 lbs	Jesus Carrillo (TBD) 195 lbs.
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Rob Coats (TBD) 305 lbs	Tom Luna (Wil) 280 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	James Cherrette (VN) 255 lbs	Danny Arrona (77th) 245 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Malcolm Thomas (TBD) 350 lbs	Andrew Paredes (77th) 350 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Sean Gregory (Pac) 395 lbs	Roger Allen (SE) 325 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Alberto Franco (77th) 455 lbs	Deryl Jackson (Pac) 375 lbs
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Joseph Robinson (Pac) 365 lbs	Enrique Robledo (77th) 315 lbs
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Jesus Reza (SE) 280 lbs	
242-1/2 - 275-1/4		
MEN AGE 30-39	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	George Olsey (NE) 255 lbs	Jeff Bruggner (SE) 230 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Art Tom (Dev) 310 lbs	Carl Taylor (Wil) 285 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Young Mun (SE) 310 lbs	Angelo Stewart (SE) 265 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Kenneth Thomas (Pac) 335 lbs	Perry Jones (Wil) 335 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Oscar Burles (SE) 370 lbs	Robert Marino (Pac) 325 lbs
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Michael O'Shea (77th) 415 lbs	Ron Gilder (SE) 330 lbs
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Cornel Sandoz (77th) 385 lbs	Joseph Terena (Pac) 340 lbs
242-1/2 - 275-1/4	Carlos Valdez (77th) 300 lbs	
MEN AGE 40-49	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	James Stepan (Tig) 120 lbs	Roger Gaylor (77th) 120 lbs
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Michael Ozark (CVB) 285 lbs	Bruce Bernatt (TBD) 245 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Lou Leiker (SE) 295 lbs	Robert Organ (Tig) 260 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Sam Arase (Pers) 380 lbs	Johnnie Jones (SE) 315 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Kenneth Crawford (Dev) 430 lbs	Maurice Landrum (SE) 315 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Mike Hargreaves (SE) 345 lbs	James Lumpkin (77th) 260 lbs
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Ricky Johnson (SE) 250 lbs	
MEN AGE 50-59	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Dean DiPaola (VN) 185 lbs	Chuck McTaggart (Ret) 225 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Joseph Curren (Dev) 230 lbs	Clifford Lloyd (77th) 160 lbs
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Charles Howard (77th) 205 lbs	Robert Lequin (Dev) 280 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Paul von Lutzow (77th) 280 lbs	Brian Davis (DSD) 245 lbs
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Gid Cabrales (Tig) 250 lbs	
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Michael DePasquale (Pac) 310 lbs	
220-1/4 - 242-1/2	Jim Lovelace (SE) 285 lbs	
MEN AGE 60+	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Sam Collella (Ret) 245 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	D. C. Webb (77th) 110 lbs	
198-1/4 - 220-1/4	Rex Shields (Ret) 270 lbs	
242-1/2 - 275-1/4		
WOMEN AGE 20-29	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Victoria Lim (SE) 80 lbs	Brenda Castro (77th) 70 lbs
105-3/4 - 114-1/2	Helen Jaramillo (TBD) 135 lbs	Jeanie Wong (TBD) 120 lbs
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Shannon Paulson (DCP) 165 lbs	Tracie Noggle (Pac) 100 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Patricia Brendle (SE) 140 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Maggie Sherman (TBD) 145 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4	Maribel Berumen (TBD) 115 lbs	
181-3/4 - 198-1/4	Erika Spence (Pac) 130 lbs	
198-1/4 - 220-1/4		
WOMEN AGE 30-39	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Gail Bury (77th) 85 lbs	Mary Kite (Pac) 85 lbs
97 - 105-3/4	Sandy Kim (STD) 100 lbs	Aileen Tibbett (VN) 135 lbs
105-3/4 - 114-1/2	Lupita Alaniz (TBD) 120 lbs	Lisa Garcia (Pac) 120 lbs
114-1/2 - 123-1/2	Lisa Wernli (77th) 180 lbs	Renee Minnick (77th) 115 lbs
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Melody Haimline (Pac) 135 lbs	Beverly Beasley (Pac) 55 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Tanya Eppenger (SE) 120 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Andrea Grossman (77th) 100 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4		
181-3/4 - 198-1/4		
WOMEN AGE 40-49	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Kathy Meek (SE) 75 lbs	Leticia Delgado (77th) 60 lbs
123-1/2 - 132-1/4	Stephanie Lazarus (Dev) 125 lbs	Deborah Rigler (SE) 65 lbs
132-1/4 - 148-1/2	Cindy Halford (Pac) 75 lbs	
148-1/2 - 165-1/4	Robin Cofield (77th) 80 lbs	Maria Marquez (77th) 65 lbs
165-1/2 - 181-3/4		
181-3/4 - 198-1/4		
WOMEN AGE 50+	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
WEIGHT	Charlotte Smith (77th) 80 lbs	
165-1/2 - 181-3/4		
181-3/4 - 198-1/4		
198-1/4 - 220-1/4		
220-1/4 - 242-1/2		
242-1/2 - 275-1/4		
TEAM RESULTS		
FIRST	77th STREET	233 points
SECOND	SOUTHEAST	176 points
THIRD	PACIFIC	134 points
FOURTH	TRANSIT BUS DIVISION	99 points
FIFTH	DEVONSHIRE	56 points

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THE TEN RING

Shooters Take Gold at Summer Games

By Rick Bennett

The LAPD Pistol Team captured gold medals in every event it entered at the California Police and Fire Summer Games. The foursome of Bob Barnes, Lou Salseda, Paul Shumway and Don Tsunawaki successfully defended last year's team championship.

Individually the above-mentioned foursome dominated their events.

Tsunawaki and Shumway went gold and silver in the open match and Barnes took home gold medals in both the distinguished revolver and pistol matches.

Team members are working hard to ready themselves and mount a defense of their World Championship this September. Following are results from our last three matches prior to the Summer Games.

May 6-7 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL DUAL MATCH

High Master Class

Paul Shumway	1487x99		1483x95	
Lou Salseda	1486x88		1481x92	
Bob Barnes	1484x91		1483x102	
Rick Bennett	1483x86		1486x83	
Don Tsunawaki	1475x88		1491x100	2nd place

Expert Class

Lisa Wernli	1465x66		1461x62	
Tom Mace	1450x64		1408x55	
Sharpshooter Class				
Stefanie Diaz	1447x69	2nd place	1441x66	

Team Match

Team #1	2370x143	WINNER	2373x162	WINNER
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MAY 20-21 SAC'MNTO SHERIFF SANTA CRUZ P.O.A.

High Master Class

Rick Bennett	1493x100	1st place	1492x91	2nd place
Bob Barnes	1491x113	3rd place	1492x102	1st place
Paul Shumway	1490x98		1473x105	
Lou Salseda	1490x90		1482x96	
Neil Goldberg	1481x96		1474x65	
Don Tsunawaki	1474x82		1479x81	

Expert Class

Steve Embrich	1473x78	2nd place	1459x56	
Lisa Wernli	1466x65		1470x60	3rd place

Marksmanship Class

Stefanie Diaz	1457x63	1st place	1458x59	1st place
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Team Match

Team #1	2376x156	1st place	2373x144	WINNER
Team #2	2363x142		2351x112	

JUNE 10-11 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DUAL MATCH

High Master Class

Bob Barnes	1494x98	1st place	1484x93	
Paul Shumway	1484x83		1487x91	
Don Tsunawaki	1482x97		1483x94	
Rick Bennett	1481x91		1486x98	
Neil Goldberg	1477x92		1486x95	
Lou Salseda	1476x82		1482x88	

Expert Class

Stefanie Diaz	1473x79		1459x79	
Lisa Wernli	1459x69		1455x67	
Tom Mace	1430x53		1449x58	
Steve Embrich	1415x68		1462x67	2nd place

Team Match

Team #1	2374x152	2nd place	2381x154	1st place
Team #2	2363x140	3rd place	2357x126	3rd place

If you are interested in joining the Pistol Team or would like more information, contact Rick Bennett at FTU (818-832-3752) or Bob Barnes at FTU (213-485-3169).

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

The first-ever California Fire and Police Summer Games is now history, and based on early reports, it looks like LAPD once again was the cream that rose to the top. While results are still being tabulated, Athletic Director Tony Adler reports department teams and individual athletes brought home numerous gold, silver and bronze medals.

LAPD finished one-two in Open Slo-Pitch with the "Blue" Team bringing home a gold and the "Red" Team a silver. In Basketball, the #1 Team brought home a gold, as did the Roller Hockey squad. LAPD's Mens Volleyball Team won a silver medal.

Congratulations to all department athletes for another job well done. sNext year's games will be held August 11-18 in San Jose. To get more information, call (408) 272-9751 or log onto www.2001summergames.org.

If your intentions are more global in nature, the 2001 World Police and Fire Games will serve as a nice tune-up for the California Games. The bi-annual event will be held June 8-16 in Indianapolis. A limited number of registration booklets are available by visiting the LAPD Athletic Director's office at the Elysian Park Academy. Additional details can be obtained by calling (888) 542-2001 or logging onto www.2001wpfg.org.

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Calling All Soccer Players

The LAPD Soccer Program continues to look for officers interested in playing the sport. Two of our teams were entered in the recent California Police and Fire Games and we will be entering the North American Police Soccer Championship Tournament in St. Louis this coming September 6-10.

We are currently seeking games against other community and law enforcement teams. If interested in participating, or to schedule a game against your team, contact Don Barfield at (800) 732-1943, ext. 3982.

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Sports Awards Time So Soon?

Even though we're just at the beginning of August, it's time to begin thinking about the 46th Annual Sports Awards Dinner coming up in a few short months. A little premature? Not really... nominations for this year's honors are due by the end of September.

If there's someone you feel is deserving of Athlete of the Year honors in his/her sport, Sportsperson of the Year, Citizen of the Year, etc., now it's time to begin making noise. Many times outstanding individuals are not recognized because nobody's taken the time to nominate them for an award!

For more information on nominations, contact Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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LASD Charity Shootout Scheduled for October 15

The 16th Annual Los Angeles Sheriff's Charity Shootout at Pitchess Honor Rancho is open to two and four person teams using "duty issue"

firearms. Deadline for entries is October 2 at a cost of \$30 per shooter and the event is limited to a maximum of 80 teams. The match is open to law enforcement agencies (including reserves) as well as competitive shooters (who will compete in their own class). For information and entry forms, contact Patty Fant (M-F 0800-2100) at (909) 591-3340.

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Scorpion 50-Mile Relay Set for November 11

To be held at Bonelli Park in San Dimas, the Scorpion Relay is open to both law enforcement and civilian teams in a number of categories. The race features ten participants per team running five-mile legs, and there's a "mini" relay for five person teams running a 25-mile relay. Categories include 480 Division (average age 40 years), mixed (male/female) teams, and a combined fire/police division.

Entry fees are \$250 for a 10-person team and \$150 for a five-person team. If paid after October 16, add \$50 per team. For flyers and more information, contact Chuck Foote and Larry Moore at (323) 344-0670.

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Last Call for Flag Footballers

Plans are being made for a coaches meeting in mid-September with league play starting around the first of October. Divisions interested in fielding a team this year (or individuals looking for a team on which to compete) should contact Agnes in the LAPD Athletic Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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Discount Dodger Tickets Available

A limited supply of discount Dodger tickets is available at the LAPRAAC administrative office. Tickets must be purchased 10 days prior to game date and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Seats are in the inner reserved level and cost \$15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact the LAPRAAC office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

Games through the end of the season are: Fri. 8/18, Sat. and Sun. 8/19-20 (TBA) New York Mets; Thurs. 8/24 (1:10 p.m.) Montreal Expos; Fri. 9/2 (TBA) and Sat. 9/3 (6:10 p.m.) Philadelphia Phillies; Mon. 9/4 (5:10 p.m.) Pittsburgh Pirates; Sun. 9/17 (1:10 p.m.) Colorado Rockies; Mon. thru Wed. 9/17-19 Arizona Diamondbacks; Sat. 9/23 (TBA) and Sun. 9/24 (1:10 p.m.) San Diego Padres.

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Let us help publicize your sport, boost morale, and give participants the recognition they deserve by submitting an article for publication in "Sports Beat." It's easy—fax articles to (818) 957-4275 or e-mail to lewsnow@aol.com. Even if you just send notes we can transform them into an article that gets the information out. Articles received by the fifth of the month will be included in the next issue of The Thin Blue Line. Photographs are welcome, too. Indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you.

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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

Your LAPD Motocross Team, recently dubbed the "Mudslingers," did battle three times in June, 2000, in their usual dominant fashion. The Fire and Police Motocross Nationals added a Grand Prix to its race schedule this season that was held on June 5th at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino. A Grand Prix is a mix between Motocross and Cross Country racing that tends to leave racers



Donovan Nickerson #341 holds off Doug Wilson #359 in a battle that raged all day.

wishing intramural softball could quench their desire to compete. Racers ride lap after lap over a motocross track that is extended by a several mile section of "through the woods" riding for about an hour. The Mudslingers absolutely cleaned up on the Grand Prix medals taking home about 20% of all that were given out! **Charlie Beck, Rob Cosner, Vic Curti, Jeff Coles, Rob Plourde,**

Donovan Nickerson, Bill Duke, Dan Hadfield and Rich Swisher all brought home medals in a variety of classes. At the Olympics the Mudslingers had their work cut out for them as there is no separation by ability, only age and bike size. This makes winning a medal next to impossible by anyone but the experts, and our only experts are Charlie Beck and Vic Curti. The racing consisted of a



Kevin Standage #431 puts an aerial move on one of his competitors.

two moto format motocross race on day one and a Grand Prix on day two. Per the odds, we were only supposed to score two medals per day, but check out the results section of this paper to see all of the precious metal we lugged away! The race was organized by **Ernie Kopasz** of the Victorville station, SBSD, and I for one am very upset with him. He ran the event so well with such limited resources that I can't find anything to gripe at him about! I do have a complaint for the

Olympic shot callers though. (Note: This complaint won't require ten LAPD supervisors spending months writing up lengthy beefs, so get back to streets, you!) During one of the Motocross races, Captain Charlie Beck was dukin' it out with Leonard Kilman of Laverne Fire Department with a Gold medal on the line. The two race leaders rounded a corner in the hidden back section of the track and saw Donovan Nickerson laid out in the mid-



All photos by Phil Waters

Current AMA MX National series points leader, Steve Lamsom of Troy Lee Designs/Honda happened to be practicing on our race day. Our team persuaded the Olympics folks to let Lamsom practice through our races, and in turn he came down to our pit area, posed for photo's and signed autographs. Other notable pros that came out were Rodrig Thain of KTM, Sebastian Tortelli of Honda, and former Supercross and MX champ Jeff Ward, who took some time away from his Indy Car schedule to work out on the MX Track. For all of you that are wondering, yes, Wardy still rips!



Super old timer Vic Curti shows that he isn't wasting his retirement chasing little white balls around the lawn.

dle of the track, like a cross, on his back, unconscious. The firefighter ditched his bike and began rendering aid. Beck cut the track headed for the ambulance to get help rolling, and other riders stopped to flag racers away from the downed rider. The race was a 20-minute long

moto that had the two leaders gapping third place by more than a minute, and there was only a couple hundred yards to the checkers. Nickerson was revived and taken to the hospital where it was determined that he just rung his bell real good, but the racers were penalized. The Olympic shot callers determined that there is no room for first aid in first place and disqualified both riders from the race.

Overall, the race was a huge success, and in addition to the SBSD the Mudslingers would like to thank FMF, Troy Lee Designs, SPY, Bell (Nickerson gives special thanks to Bell), Maxima Racing Oils, Acerbis, and Zing Graphics. To come out and ride with us or to figure out where to get the good motorcycle deals at, just drop a line to any team member and they will hook you right up.

Motocross Results

Senior 126cc-250cc Class - 27 Racers

Hadfield	13th and 12th	12th overall
Swisher	17th and 16th	17th overall

Senior Open Four Stroke Class - 9 Racers

Cosner	3rd and 3rd	3rd overall
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251cc+ Masters Class - 9 Racers

Plourde	5th and 4th	4th overall
Beck	1st and 2nd	1st overall
Duke	7th and 9th	9th overall

Senior 251cc+ Class - 9 Racers

Wilson	8th and 8th	9th overall
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Senior Masters 126cc to 250cc Class - 6 Racers

Curti	2nd and 2nd	2nd overall
Hoover	4th and 5th	5th overall

Master Four Stroke Class - 13 Racers

Beck	14th and 2nd	9th overall
Duke	9th and 13th	13th overall
Plourde	6th and 7th	6th overall

Senior 251cc+ Class - 9 Racers

Nickerson	crashed out	
Wilson	8th and 8th	8th overall

European Hare Scrambles

Grand Master 126cc to 250cc Class - 5 Racers

Curti	2nd overall
Hoover	4th overall

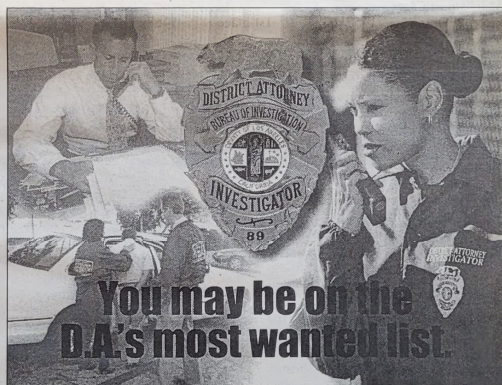
Senior 126cc to 250cc Class - 17 Racers

Swisher	8th overall
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Masters Class - 14 Racers

Plourde	7th overall
Beck	3rd overall
Duke	14th overall

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SPORTS BEAT

Hollywood Ends 12 Year Drought to Win Red Davis Tournament

Capping one of the strangest slo-pitch seasons in LAPD history, Hollywood edged Metro, 9-8, to win the Red Davis Tournament for the first time since 1988. Sullied only once during regular season play, Co-Captain Rich Bengtson's and Mike Snowden's nine sailed through the tournament, held June 13-14 at Sepulveda Dam, without a loss.

The Y2K season was marked by the withdrawal of numerous teams, particularly in the Central and North Leagues. Games which were played against those teams did not count in the standings, leaving such anomalies as DSD and DARE sharing the North League pennant with a record of 0-0. (All the other teams dropped out and they did not play one another.)

The Boyz from the 'Wood had an easy time during the early rounds of the tournament, trouncing West Traffic 18-0 and 77th 18-10, but had trouble in the third round. Their first match-up with Metro ended up in a hard-fought 8-7 victory, sending Metro to the loser's bracket and putting Hollywood two games away from the championship. A 7-2 win over South Bureau Narcotics saw them end play on June 13 with Red Davis title just one win away.

Hollywood's players sat around most of the morning of June 14 awaiting

results of the loser's bracket. Metro clawed its way back by topping last year's champion, West Valley, 11-8, outlasting Detective Services 17-13, and manhandling South Bureau Narco, 21-7, to gain a rematch before losing another one-run decision to Hollywood. West Valley was the only undefeated team in league play this year but fell early in the tournament to Detective Services. The Vals came back to beat Van Nuys and Foothill before being eliminated by Metro.

LOSERS BRACKET (loser eliminated)

1ST ROUND - Van Nuys 18, West Traffic 6; Foothill 7, West L.A. 0 (forfeit); Northeast #1 7, Valley Narcotics 0 (forfeit); Southwest 0, DARE 0 (double forfeit).

2ND ROUND - West Valley 21, Van Nuys 8; Foothill 10, Southeast 6; Northeast #1 22, Pacific 5; 77th Street (bye).

3RD ROUND - West Valley 6, Foothill 5; Northeast #1 20, 77th Street 8.

4TH ROUND - Metro 11, West Valley 8; Detective Services 9, Northeast #1 8.

5TH ROUND - Metro 17, Detective Services 13.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND - Metro 21, South Bureau Narcotics 7.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND
Hollywood 9, Metro 8.

LAPD Y2K SLO-PITCH FINAL STANDINGS

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Hollywood	2	1	.667	—
Metro	2	2	.500	1/2
Northeast #1	1	2	.333	1

All other teams dropped out during the season.

NORTH LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Detective Services	0	0	.000	—
DARE	0	0	.000	—

All other teams dropped out during the season.

SOUTH LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Southeast	7	1	.875	—
Pacific	7	1	.875	—
77th Street	5	3	.625	2
So. Bureau Narcotics	3	4	.429	3-1/2
Harbor	3	5	.375	4
Southwest	3	5	.375	4
West Traffic	2	6	.250	5
South Traffic	1	7	.125	6

VALLEY LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
West Valley	5	0	1.000	—
Foothill	4	1	.875	1
West L.A.	2	3	.400	3
Van Nuys	1	4	.200	4
Valley Narcotics	0	4	.000	4-1/2

RED DAVIS TOURNAMENT WINNERS 1975-2000

2000	Hollywood	1987	No Tournament
1999	West Valley	1986	Southwest
1998	Rampart	1985	Southwest
1997	Van Nuys	1984	77th Street
1996	Rampart	1983	Hollywood
1995	Rampart	1982	Hollywood
1994	Rampart	1981	West Valley
1993	Rampart	1980	Van Nuys
1992	Rampart	1979	Van Nuys
1991	Narcotics Group	1978	Hollywood
1990	Parker Center	1977	Devonshire
1989	Southwest	1976	Newton
1988	Hollywood	1975	Admin Vice

LAPD's Champion Centurion Football Team

by Ray Puettmann

The LAPD Centurion football team recently completed their 2000 regular season schedule with a record of 6-1. The Centurion team has enjoyed great success the last few years compiling a record of 19-4 since 1997. These four years include three West Coast Conference Championships in 1997, 1998, and this year's 2000 championship.

The LAPD football club is one of 15 teams throughout the nation that compete against each other in the National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL). The league is in its fourth year and has had three national championship games. In 1998, the NYPD Finest football team defeated the Houston Gunners 21-10. The 1999 Championship football game was a repeat of the year before with Houston squeaking out a 7-6 victory over New York. The league is extremely competitive and is the only organized football league combining law enforcement, firefighters, and other public safety entities.

Los Angeles started its season early in February hosting its annual training camp and two-a-day practices at Fremont High School in 77th Division. The weekend culminated with a scrimmage against the Camp Pendleton Marine Football squad, in what turned out to be a very muddy game.

Two weeks later, the Centurions traveled to Camp Pendleton to play the same marine squad in their first regular season game of the 2000 campaign. The LAPD football team came out on top with a hard fought 9-6 victory.

On March 11, the Centurions traveled to Orange County to play the Lawmen in the Santa Ana Bowl. The uncharacteristic LAPD team could not move the ball or score on offense and gave up 18

points in an 18-2 loss. However, Orange County voluntarily forfeited the game later in the season when it was found that they were playing with illegal professional football players.

With inspiration from team captains and team leaders Don Payne (Southwest Detectives), Ed Hulbert (DHD gangs), and James Shannon (DHD fugitives), the Centurion team bounced back from their horrible performance in Orange County. Playing last year's defending West Coast Conference co-champions on the road at San Diego's Southwestern College was not an easy task to undertake. However, the LAPD team did just that, and answered any questions about who was in charge of the conference standings with a resounding 54-10 spanking of the Enforcer team. The Centurions now stood at 3-0, and were 2-0 in league play.

The Centurions' true test of character came in the next two games. The first game was held in Las Vegas in the first annual Baker to Vegas Bowl. Thanks in part to the help of LAPRAAC, the Centurions hosted the South Bay Knights, who now owned the rights to last year's starting LAPD quarterback, Darrin Upstill (formerly Southeast). The game was attended by several hundred faithful LAPD blue suiters on the Friday evening before the Baker to Vegas race. It turned out to be a true test of will as Los Angeles got out to a lead but never led for very long, with South Bay scoring on several long drives. However, in the end the Centurions buried South Bay 38-21 to force a conference championship showdown with the 1999 National Champion Houston Gunners.

The showdown was never in question from the start. Los Angeles was intent on avenging a loss to the Gunners from the year before, and came out with its powerful offense led by quarterback Dan Fernandez (Southwest) and run-

ning back Alonzo Williams (Pacific), both rookie Centurion players. The LAPD squad jumped out to a 28-7 half-time lead and never looked back. The conference showdown turned out to be a laugh as the Centurions turned on the power and cruised to a 42-28 victory. The Centurions were now 5-0, 4-0 in league play and were once again West Coast Conference Champions.

The annual LAPD vs. LAFD 911 Bowl finished off the Centurion regular season. LAPD, winners of the last two games against the Heat, were looking to finish their season with an exclamation point as they looked forward to the National Championship game with the East Coast Conference finalist. In what turned out to be a completely stunning game, the LAPD squad buried the LAFD Heat from the very beginning with a commanding 42-0 lead by half-time. The Centurion reservists showed why the Centurions are a complete squad by scoring on the Heat in the second half on offense and shutting them out on defense for a 50-0 victory. Veteran middle linebacker Jeff Graham (Metro) and outside linebacker Justin Stewart (Newton) led the tough LAPD defense in tackles and sacks.

On June 11, the LAPD team flew to Palm Beach, Florida, to play in their first National Championship game since 1991. The Centurions squared off against the NYPD Finest football squad, three-time repeating East Coast Conference Champions and 1998 National Champions. This was New York's third appearance in the champi-

onship game in three years. Winners of 47 out of their last 48 games, the Finest team looked to be a good challenge for the LAPD team. Los Angeles was hoping to defeat the NYPD in the first game the two teams have played since the last time they met in 1990. However, in what turned out to be a tightly contested slugfest between two heavyweight contenders, the Finest defeated the Centurions 14-10. A late 15-yard touchdown scoring pass to Dave Romines (Foothill) with 15 seconds left on the clock was called out of bounds in what turned out to be the most questionable call of the game. This decided the fate of the Centurions who did not give up until the final siren went off only four yards from the NYPD end zone. Howard Jackson (Hollenbeck) was named MVP for the Centurion offense, and Pernell Taylor (Central) was named the defensive MVP for the LAPD.

Although the Centurions made it to the Championship Game and represented the LAPD with the true heart and determination that represents all LAPD officers, they were not happy with the outcome of what was a very successful season. If you happen to see the Centurions around the city in their different divisions and units, stop and congratulate them on their season. They are very proud ambassadors of this department and have represented it with an enormous amount of hard work and integrity. Hats off to the LAPD Centurions, 2000 West Coast Champions, and proud LAPD officers.

RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of The Thin Blue Line. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

Not much to tell you, because I'm not home much. I get from 9 to 20 calls a day on my caller I.D. All are checking to see how Beverly is. I have an update on my answering machine. New information every five days, unless something drastic happens.

Guy and Lorine Salerno call two to three times a week. Most of the club members call once a week and I thank them for it. Too many to list.

Dora & Lloyd Tucker just got home from a trip. Have not talked to them. They go to Alaska every year. Lloyd is an avid salmon fisherman. Dora and Lloyd are regular callers.

According to what I read in The Thin Blue Line, somebody better quit dragging their feet and do something to stop good officers from leaving LAPD for other departments. We even have some who have found the Hemet P.D. They tell me they just wouldn't take all the crap they had to face daily.

Do you want to know how to get qualified officers? Let some of us qualified retirees set on the oral boards. Stop letting the general public run the department, especially members of the so-called minority. Don't let politics run

the department. Train the recruits like we were trained. It's time we take the handcuffs off of our police. Stop listening to the chronic grippers. That King case was a fake. What was it, six or seven policemen trying to arrest one man who refused to follow orders and



Beverly Yandle in Hemet Hospital - with visiting clown to cheer her up.

directions. If King had gotten up he would have sent at least three or possibly four officers to the recovery hospital. I remember one case on East 5th Street where one so-called minority caused injuries to eleven officers. Some black eyes, cut lips, broken nose or fin-

gers. He was a former sparring partner for Joe Lewis so we didn't know what we had, but soon learned. I know of two night sticks that were broken after making contact with his head. My sap was no match for his head. It just split open and I lost all the shot. He was still fighting us when one of the beat officers, a former New York Police Officer, walked up and cracked him across the shins with his night stick and that's all she wrote. He was putty in our hands for about one hour. He sent the booking officer and fingerprinter to recovery until one of the officers whacked him across the shins again. His wrists were too big for handcuffs. We had to use belts to restrain him, and they cried because the way they treated King. If he would have gotten up, it would have been a different story.

We are slowly wrecking our police department letting politicians and minority leaders run our police department. Get a chief that is a leader, not a "yes" man. Do background checks on recruits, and for God's sake take the handcuffs off of them and stand behind those that are trying to do their job. Get rid of the hot shots. We once had a great police department from Chief Parker to

Gates and we can have it again, God willing.

Now for all of you that are interested in Beverly, here is an update.

I have Beverly in Hemet Valley Health & Rehab Center at 371 North Weston Place in Hemet. Her left foot is clearing up. They will operate on it on July 5th. She is alert. Knows most everyone, only has to use the oxygen half the time. Still on feeding tube. Saying a few words. Barely audible but it's a start. She can read. She reads all the cards you send and some make her smile. The nurses all love her. They say she is their favorite patient. She has a smile for everyone. A clown came in to cheer her up and she really got a kick out of that. Keep up your prayers; it really helps and I really believe that.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be October 11, 2000, same place—Anchor Restaurant. You can reach me at 1-909-925-4491.

And Chief Gates, if you read this, how about coming down to see all your old buddies? You'll be glad you did.

Remember, buckle up and be careful. It's still a jungle out there and getting worse, because our boys are forced to wear blinders and handcuffs.

More Retirement News on next page



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RETIREMENT NEWS

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on August 16, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the Bar Lounge. There is no set start time, so you may arrive any time after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 25 at the June 21 luncheon. There were three new attendees and one that had not attended for three years. The following at the lunch reminiscing the old days were **John Becker** (5059), **Floyd Couch** (2862), **Wes** (3384) and **Judy Craven** (14365), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Hilliard** (Curly) **Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), (5244), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Robert Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Carl Hegge** (6234), **John Kepke** (4603), **Tom Lindholm** (4734), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Dustin Splaine** (7183), **James D.** (10118) and **Joan Stover**, and **Earl Wells** (6297). The new attendees were

Wes and Judy Craven and Joan Stover. It had been some three years since James (Smoky) Stover had attended.

Check out **Jim Dougherty's** Web site - <http://home.cdh.net/~trapstar/> as he has started putting portions of his new book on it. I think you will find it very interesting.

I have some sad news to report this month. My wife, Mary, passed away June 7th from pulmonary fibrosis after one week in the hospital. I am reporting this as there are several members of the old Van Nuys Valley Wives group I have not been able to contact with the information that live out of the area.

Don't forget our annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's ranch on Mulholland Highway in Malibu on Sunday, October 22, 2000. The price for great Chuy's BBQ beef and chicken will be the same as last year which was \$15 per person. Remittance and reservation information will be in the September column and advertisement of the Blue Line.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. ✧

The Central Coast—Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A big summer's greeting to all of you from all of us Fuzz folks on the Central Coast. We had a great get together in June for our annual catered picnic at the Lake Pavilion in Atascadero. Although the summer months of travel thinned our ranks somewhat, we all had a great time enjoying the company of our LAPD retirees and spouses. Kudos to **Brian & Cathy Galbraith** and **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** for their efforts in making it a success. The food, drinks and company were excellent. Check out the super Fuzz cake in the photograph with our founders, **Freeman Calvert**, with wife **Nellie** and **Bob Rackerby** with wife, **Aileen**. **Gerd Konieczny** gave an excellent presentation on what is going on at his deer farm in Santa Margarita and all the difficulties he has had to overcome to make it successful.

It's a Small World Category

While playing softball in Pismo Beach a few weeks ago with the usual over-the-hill guys (actually wife, my Judy plays too, so I have to be careful what I say here), I ran into a pleasant fellow who came down from Cambria to participate. What happens is that about 25 or so guys (and that one gal) show up and we break into two teams, chosen at random to play slow pitch

softball for a couple of hours. Lots of fun and good exercise. These folks come from all walks of life and most are retired and are out to have a great time. Anyway, this new fellow is in excellent shape and quite an athlete and, Bingo! I discover that he is **Joe Hilden**, a retired LAPD guy and really enjoying himself. Joe retired in 1995 out of IAD. He found that he liked the Central Coast and moved to Cambria, which is a beautiful area as you need not tell Fuzz members, **Brad Lamdin**, **Dave & Claudia Bannister**, **Bob & Dorothea Ballou**, **Cliff & Lorraine DeBernardi** and **Bruno & Ellen Tonin**, who also reside there. Well, Joe is enjoying his retirement and I collared him to come to our next Fuzz gathering. Hey, we'll pick up new members any way we can.

Got a surprise visit from one of my flying buddies—**Bob Bassett**. Bob retired from LAPD and is currently a Deputy Sheriff in Calaveras County (that's gold country near scenic Highway 49). Bob was a dedicated ASD observer (sorry, I forgot, it's now Tactical Flight Officer) who put a whole bunch of bad guys behind bars and provided critical cover for our hard-working men and women on the streets of L.A. We spent a lot of time in the cockpit together and the city was a safer place because of Bassett's keen, watch-

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Couples from left to right: Gerd & Nancy Konieczny, John & Fran Krasts, Sam & Paulette Lopez



Couples from left to right: Freeman & Nellie Calvert, Bob & Aileen Rackerby

ful eye. Bob recently got married and honeymooned on the Central Coast overlooking the beautiful sand at Pismo Beach. Congratulations, my friend!

A lot of us are enjoying some traveling during the summer months. Judy and I were recently able to experience a great 15-day visit to China along with LAPD friends, **Billy Stough**, **Jim Heintzman**, **Dennis Farnham** and twelve others. We did stir things up a bit in that heavily populated country totally controlled by the Communist govern-

ment. It made us renew our appreciation for those who fought and died for our freedoms throughout our history and preserved the quality of life that we enjoy today. It is so easy to take it all for granted. I know things are not always perfect, but you cannot find a better country in the whole world. God bless America.

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August 15	American Legion Post 381	1800	1700
August 16	Valley Retired Blues	1100	
August 18	Coachella Valley Blue Line Summer Luau		
August 23	Richard Haberland	1000-1800	
August 25	William Seeley	1800	
August 26	Inland Northwest Steak Fry	1400	
August 31	Keith Anderson	1600	

September

September 1	Larry Garrett	1100	1200
September 6	Retired Fire & Police Assn. General Meeting	1000	
September 8	Gregory Boles	1700	1830
September 8	Joseph Gonzales	1700	
September 10	LaLey Family Picnic	1100	
September 22	John Robertson	1700	1830
September 23	Kiser's Wine Country BBQ		
September 24	LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic	1000	

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elaine Gray

Thirteen *really* die-hard golfers showed up to play at the Desert Springs Marriott Hotel on Friday, June 23rd. The event was arranged by Mike Guy who has a lot of influence at the hotel—but not much with the weatherman. We endured the 110-degree heat and managed to eek out some somewhat decent scores. The hardest group was Charlene Reming, Bill Costleigh, Ken Boden and Duane Lloyd with a score of 72. Second place was awarded to Aaron and Lyn Montano, Chuck Massey, Fred Austin and Mike Guy. The team of Ron and Elaine Gray, Pat Lloyd and Jim Swiston's only claim to fame was that they managed to hang on to that #5% orange ball to the bitter end. Ken Boden won a set of grips donated by the Montanos of Western Golf, for being closest to the pin.

As if that wasn't enough golf for one day, we continued the madness at the home of Clayton and Carolyn Mayes where Al Fried organized a chipping and putting contest in the spectacular backyard at the Mayes' home. Those honors went to Ron Ellena, chipping, and Don Ham, putting.

As the sun went down and we all began to mellow out a bit, we enjoyed a wonderful barbecued steak dinner with all the trimmings. This is the second time the Mayes' have opened their home to us this season. I hope they

never get tired of having us. They are super hosts!

CHP Captain John Benoit and his wife Cheryl joined us for dinner as guests of the Mayes. John was recently elected to the local school board and we are fortunate to have him. It was really good to see Billy Heinlein, Dave Anderson, and Ron Donovan. These guys, and their wives, were attending another function in the desert and Gary Hallden and Ray Lombardo convinced them to join us.

Mike and Elsa McGann are really excited about their new home. Watch out, you two, the CVBL&GC may all show up some Friday and help you initiate it!

We welcomed first-timer Mike Castaneda who was a classmate of Chief Daryl Gates. Wouldn't it be fun to get those two together out here? Also joining us for the first time was Roy Wagner who left his patrol boat at Lake Arrowhead long enough to have some fun in the desert.

June 23rd was the 33rd anniversary of Jim Swiston's retirement from the Department. We all helped him celebrate that milestone!

Our Next Function will be a Summer Luau—Desert Style at the home of Ron and Elaine Gray on August 18th. If you're going to be in the desert—for whatever reason—give us a call for reservations at 760-360-1810 or e-mail us at claynegrav@aol.com. You're all welcome!

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

If he sat down next to me, I wouldn't know him. If someone pointed him out to me and said, "That's him," I would in all ignorance have to nod and agree. For never have I had the pleasure of meeting him or ever talking to him even on the phone. And that's my fault, because I think he writes the neatest sports column I've read in a long time and he covers just about every sport that LAPD is engaged in. He is concise yet illuminating and interesting, and writes with a pleasant air of knowledge that reads like he really knows what he is writing about. And his word picture makes you feel as if you are there. Certainly, I am describing **Lew Snow**!

Perhaps it is not chic or maybe I am revealing my lack of sophistication by applauding Lew in a public forum rather than through the privacy of an exclusive appreciative note. But whatever your point of view, I believe that most of us



Virginia Van Houtte, Chief Daryl Gates, Corky Rochlitz.

will agree that Lew does a professional job of honoring our sports reporting. Thank you, Lew, for your outstanding contributions as the Sports Beat editor. I'm sure that every reader enjoys your coverage of "The Beat" as much as I do.

Everyone had a great time at this year's annual running of the 22nd Police Memorial Relay Races put on by the Revolver Club at Dockweiler Beach to honor our fallen officers. Old Blue's Mr. Reliable, Thurston Bechtel, won the top spot in his classification running an incredible 18:04 in the Men's 5K, 50-59 year age group. He may soon be able to lay claim to the additional title of Mr. Consecutive Wins as this is the fourth year in a row that he has won his class albeit his first two wins came when he was a mere lad of 48 and 49 and the last two came when he crossed into the 50-59 year group. Thurston is a top notch running machine. Just watching him warm up for practice and (if you ask him) listening to his physical workout routine makes you wonder if he ever idles in neutral. I sort of doubt it and he has shown that practice makes perfect. A Metro veteran and a former driver for Chief Gates, he is always in shape. If LAPD used a recruiting poster similar to the one that the Marines use with a tanned, crew-cut, fit and trim, no nonsense looking guy, they'd probably want to use Thurston for

the job. And you know that he could probably run most of those youngsters into the ground. Just slightly behind Thurston were fellow Old Blue members **Ray Crawford** and **Bruce Hoover** who nailed down second and third place. That is some kind of running. I don't know Ray, yet, but I know Bruce as another top o' the line, hard as nails, super runner who on one occasion ran with one of his arms IN A CAST! In incredible shape he is also a Metro veteran and like Thurston would be a super example for a recruiting poster. Sshhh, don't tell them I said that or they're liable to put my head in a cast.

In the final category and running really hard were three more Old Blue guys who swept their class. Hats off to **Dale Sprinkle** who took the Gold medal, **Keith Allen** who earned the Silver and **Jay Hernandez** who won the Bronze in the Mens 5K, 60 years and over. It was a great day for racing and a great memorial to our brother officers.

Before I forget it, I need to mention a belated big THANK YOU to new team member **Bill Estes** who ran a great leg #9 at the Baker-Vegas race in April. He was erroneously credited in the June Blue Line as "Jim Estes." Thanks again, Bill.

Late message from the LAPRAAC hot line: Race days for the 2001 Baker-Vegas race are Saturday and Sunday, April 7 & 8. C-U THERE! Also, the third running of the SCORPION Relay Race will be held on November 11 this year and the site will be changed from Laughlin-Vegas to Frank Bonelli Park in San Dimas.

The Police Olympics concluded on July 1st and Old Blue runners did quite well at this event which was at Cal State San Bernardino with the track and field contests held at Azusa College. Did we do well at this contest? Absolutely, you should have watched every dime you had on our guys. Listen to this! **Chuck Foote** won Gold medals in the 5000, 1500 and 800 meter races as well as a Silver in the 400 meter. And to round out the day he teamed up with **Mel Sandvig**, **Bruce Hoover** (him again?) and **Chuck McTaggart** to win the Mens 4X400, 1600 meter relay race which earned another Gold medal for each of them. Mighty fine running, indeed. Hold your horses, here comes Bruce again. I almost left out the second place Silver medal that he won in the Mens Grand Masters 10000 meter race. If Bruce was your partner in a radio car I don't think that anyone could outrun you except a Harley, a Honda or a Kawasaki. Way to go, Hoover. Then to cap the whole meeting, Mr. Marine Corp, AKA Jay Hernandez, took the Gold medal in Mens Golden Masters 10000 meter Cross-Country event. As any of you recent retirees who are runners can see, running with Old Blue is not running with a bunch of lightweights. So avoid the fall rush and run with us, Old Blue, statewide!

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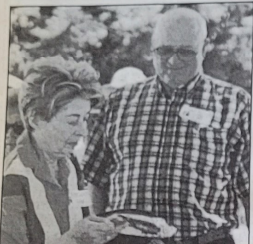
RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Assn. SABLA

by Bernie Remas

Hot August Nites

All of us are into summer here in Sacramento. If you like things hot, then come here this month or next. Either month will be just to your liking. If you don't like the heat, come



Wilma Laycock, Hoy Key—Our Sec/Treasurer is telling Wilma - "Take all you want Wilma". Dennis McDonald is not watching!

anyway, and we'll turn on the air conditioning!

August is a "by" month for the SABLA luncheon. So save your money for next month. The regular September luncheon will be September 13, 2000, at 1130 hours. So mark those calendars. All of you will have returned from those summer vacation trips. Then you'll have a chance to tell all of us about the great times you had this summer!

For me, retirement is grand! You don't work all month, and then a "check" comes in the mail!! Do the rest of you find it that way?? Judy and I did a driving trip back east this summer. When we told our travel agent how many stops we were going to make she said, "Why don't you drive!" And so we did. From Sacto to Columbus, Ohio, and on to Judy's 50th high school reunion in Waterloo, N.Y. Then to Cape Cod for some romance—among the summer crowds! Then to D.C., South Carolina with a 5th



Ted Morton, Dennis McDonald
"Ted, C'mom don't take too much BBQ!"

Air Force buddy and wife, and then on to Ft. Myers to visit a condo we just bought! The condo is to "escape" those cold and wet Sacramento winters!! We're home now for the rest of the year. As a committee host for a 5th Air Force



Ed Lewandowski, Dennis Haslett—The pride of Venice Divn. visits the North Country

Communications Group reunion in Sacto in October that's our only "distraction"!

The SABLA Spring Fling picnic on June 3rd was attended by an enthusiastic group and the weather was perfect for the outside area. Cindy & Ed Lewandowski put it together for us using much time and effort. The BBQ "chow line" was visited by all and some went back two, and yes some went three times!! Was that Dennis McDonald or Bill Johnson? I can't remember. We see Dennis regularly, but Bill is still working all the time and we don't see him too often.

Bob Totans was there with Mary, and Bob wanted me to remind everybody that this past July 1st he reached his 79th birthday! So there!

Dick & Betty King are back in Lodi for the wine growing season. They've finalized plans for a trip to Europe in September. Our best to you and send us a postcard please. SABLA, P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. The rest of you can use that P.O. box for mailing "stuff" to SABLA!

Hank Seret was up and around for the Spring Fling and is back on the road to recovery.

We had a "regular" from Venice Division show for our BBQ, Dennis Haslett, with 33 years active duty with LAPD, visited with us and headed back to the "south country" to go back to work. Good to see you and come back—anytime.

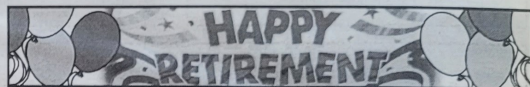
Even though the "news" about our beloved LAPD is not what we would like to read about, it's always, yes always, good for us to hear from active LAPDers and get the real "stories" straight! Thank

you all for coming to our luncheons, BBQs and "get togethers."

Speaking of "get togethers," put Saturday, September 23rd on your list of dates to do something. Ron & Marilyn Kiser will host the LAPD Wine Country BBQ at their home and vineyard in Sonoma, Calif. Call them at (707) 938-4937. It's \$20 per person. You have to tell them Harris Ranch, N.Y. steak or range chicken. There will be appetizers, wine and beer, hayrides in the vineyard with more wine, horse-shoes, Ron's LAPD mini-museum, wine bottle salami toss, dessert and more! It's time to call Ron or Marilyn, ask for their address, and mail your check - (707) 938-4937.

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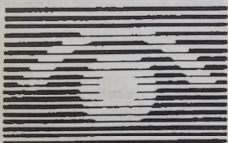


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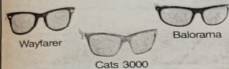
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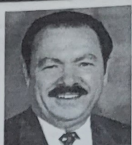
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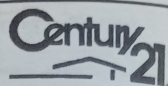
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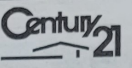
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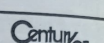
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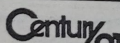
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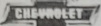
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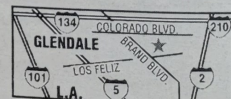
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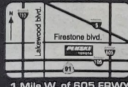
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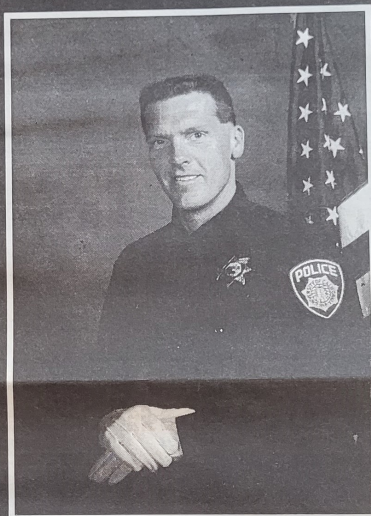
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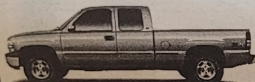
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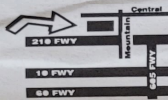
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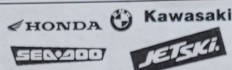
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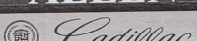
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